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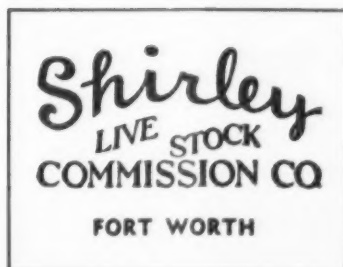
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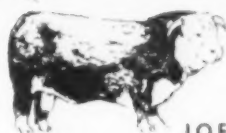
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(Purely personal opinions, shared by some, available to others but forced on no one—take 'em or leave 'em, but thanks for reading. Ed.)

THE VETO

TOO MANY people measure what is happening in Washington by the yardstick of the party label, whereas it seems to me that the welfare of the people should be the prime consideration. However, the intricacies of government growing fat and cumbersome from inert and indifferent attitude of the citizens has made it impossible for the government to take any action without it hurting some people, some section. Again it seems that the august central government has grown so big that dieting to reduce it is an impossibility. Perhaps, as is freely predicted, the central government will continue to gorge itself, growing larger and more voracious in appetite for the taxpayers' dollar until it becomes sick of itself—and that will be the day, the day of death for this nation.

In the meantime we see a sprawling government taking the people's tax dollars and wildly and widely wasting them in foreign spending and giving, always arousing the hatred and resentment of the foreigners rather than their love and respect. Rather than trying to strengthen and reinforce disolute, weak or ineffectual foreign governments and leaders, it would be more appropriate to try to stem the continuous drain on the American taxpayer and attempt to use the money wasted abroad and at home to solve problems of great domestic concern such as that of the current drouth and the critical soil erosion menace.

Recently President Eisenhower vetoed an omnibus farm bill hypocritically designed to please everybody on everything. The futility of the bill was evident and designed to be so, apparently. Inconsistent and impotent in its provisions, it was a travesty on the presumably smart representatives of the people who brewed such a mess. But apparently nothing is too good for the party—any party—not even the sacrifice of the people's interest. The soil bank provision with its great potential deserves a trial. With a sensible approach, honest and fair administration, it should grow into a marvelous asset for the nation and a godsend for the rural people. It should go a long way toward relieving the threat of surpluses, rejuvenate much of the hard-worked land, help in restoring wildlife population, and appear, as well as be sensible, to rural and urban taxpayers. It deserves consideration and trial. The proposed farm bill deserved the veto.

DROUTH

This magazine, we believe, has more consistently urged soil conservation practices upon ranch people than any other in the livestock field. It's a heart-warming experience to realize the amazing reception given the soil

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Now used in many schools and colleges in this country and in others, *Practical Grassland Management* by B. W. Allred, compiled from articles and illustrations appearing in this magazine, has sold in all likelihood more copies than any other semi-technical book published in the southwest in recent years.

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It has been said that drouth is always with us in the southwest—sometimes more severe than others. How the ranchman utilizes the good times to aid in meeting the dry ones is a matter of conservation of grass and the land upon which it grows.

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BOYS RANCH

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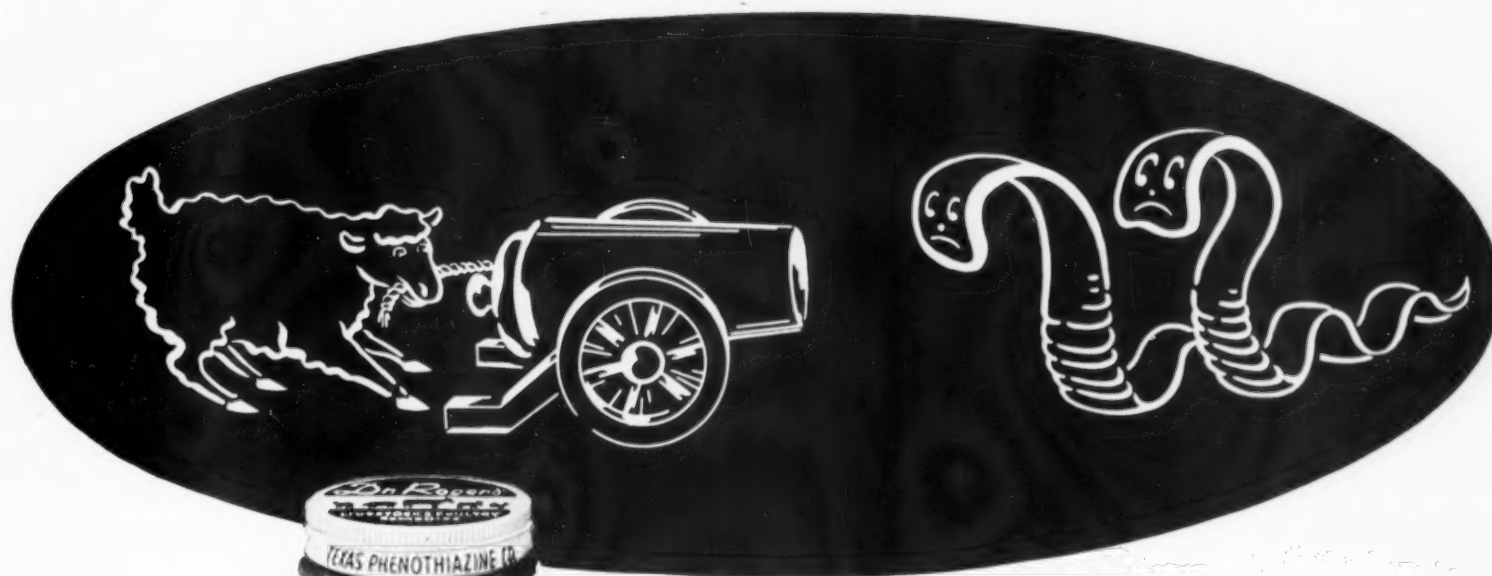
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ERNEST WILLIAMS
Executive Secretary

MAJOR INTEREST of your Association was again in Austin and Washington during May. In Austin it was the formal organization of the Texas Agricultural Water Committee in which the TS&GRA played an important part, and in Washington Association representatives worked on problems pointed to by the directors at the Bandera meeting in March.

TEXAS AGRICULTURAL WATER COMMITTEE

The TS&GRA joined with the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers Association, the Texas State Grange,

the Texas Farmers Union, the Texas Farm Bureau and the Association of Texas Soil Conservation Districts in forming the Texas Agricultural Water Committee.

Its purpose is to allow the agricultural interests of the state to aid in the formulation of a water bill at the next legislative session. There is little doubt that the next Legislature will put a water bill high on its agenda as did the last one. There is just as little doubt among the organizers of the TAWC that if agricultural interests are to receive attention they must be together on what they want and what they want must not be against the interests of other users throughout the state.

The new TAWC has a big job ahead.

R. W. Hodge, Del Rio, was elected chairman of the organization and Ernest Williams was made temporary secretary.

WASHINGTON

President McCord and Secretary Williams were in Washington April 9 and 10 and talked with officials of the U. S. Departments of Agriculture, Labor and Interior.

They attended a meeting called by Congressman O. C. Fisher with Agricultural Assistant Secretary M. L. McLain and several of his aides in an effort to straighten out difficulties encountered by Texas feed dealers and Association members under the Government's emergency drought feed program. Progress was made, although the difficulties have not been completely eliminated.

Officials of the National Park Service and Fish and Wildlife Service of the Department of the Interior assured the TS&GRA representatives that they would do all they could to help in lessening panther trouble around the Big Bend Park. They reiterated the fact that the law prohibits hunting of any animal in national parks but felt that work by their local personnel around the park perimeter would help considerably.

Don Larin, Chief, Farm Placement Service, U. S. Department of Labor, told President McCord that arrangements for the processing of ranch hands or "specials" were made originally at the request of the TS&GRA and that he would do all he could to keep the arrangement in effect. Mr. Larin left for Mexico City the following week for more consultations with Mexico's representatives. At this writing (April 30) no word has been received of the results of the negotiations, but the Eagle Pass Processing Center is closed to specials.

Also while in Washington the General Sales Agent, Commodity Stabilization Service, USDA, Mr. Francis C.

Daniels, who has direct charge of selling the CCC wool, was asked to hold the price line on those wools offered for sale even though the entire authorized 6¼ million pounds per month was not sold. It was the feeling of the TS&GRA officials that even though the 6¼ million pounds per month had been authorized for sale there was no requirement that all be sold.

LAMB PROMOTION

The A.S.P.C. lamb promotion campaign comes to Texas in May. Gale Smith of the Council's advertising department, is in Fort Worth and Dallas at this writing (April 30) making

arrangements for the campaign. Watch for it in the newspapers and on radio and TV.

TAX RELIEF

Additional help for the drought victim is being worked on by the National Livestock Tax Committee. The proposed legislation to give help to the producer who is forced to sell because of drought or other disaster is explained in an article by C. A. (Jake) Freeze, on this page.

Congressman Frank Ikard, Wichita Falls, has been most helpful to the livestock industry by his work on this legislation. He has earned the thanks of this Association.

Important Tax Legislation Coming Up Affecting the Ranchman

By C. A. FREEZE

ALL RANCHMEN of this area should actively support legislation now pending in Congress which will give tax relief to ranchmen who are forced to sell their livestock because of drought conditions.

Section 1033 of the 1954 Internal Revenue Code provides that where property is involuntarily converted into money, and profit results from such conversion, no income tax will apply to such profit if the money received is re-invested in like property within one year from the end of the taxable year in which such property was so converted. Unfortunately the forced sale of livestock on account of drought does not fall under such relief provisions of the Internal Revenue Code at the present time.

Thus, for example, Farmer Smith, who is on the cash basis, has 100 cows which he has raised, and because of the drought, he is forced to sell such cows and receives \$10,000 for the animals. He must pay income tax at capital gain rates, on the entire \$10,000.00. The result is

that Farmer Smith will find that his capital has shrunk considerably when the time comes for him to re-purchase such animals. This is true even though Farmer Smith had no control over the forced sale of his breeding animals.

The proposed legislation provides for an amendment to Section 1033 wherein such forced sales of breeding animals would fall under the involuntary conversion provision of the law, and if such proposed legislation is enacted into law, Farmer Smith, in the above example, would not have to pay any tax on the \$10,000.00 received by him because of his forced sale, provided that within the allotted time, and such time may be extended, he re-invests the \$10,000.00 by purchasing the same kind of stock which he was forced to sell. Thus, all of the proceeds from the forced sale of breeding animals will be available to Farmer Smith to replenish his herd.

This legislation has been pending in Congress now for some two or three years, and in each instance before it was successfully enacted into law, Congress either adjourned or some other event happened to prevent its final enactment. It is understood that the proposed legislation has the approval of the Treasury Department, and if the ranchmen over the country will contact their Senators and Representatives and urge them to push this legislation, it will have an excellent chance of passage during this session of Congress.

Ed S. Mayer and Buddy Mayer of Sutton County recently sheared 900 yearling ewes and every fleece graded staple. This is one of the oldest flocks in the county.

Ed S. Mayer, Jr., reports the loss of 200 head of mutton goats from a hail storm April 5 on the ranch north of Stephenville. He said he also almost lost himself and two cowboys.

Folk north of Stephenville are having trouble with coyotes and dogs. Considerable expression is made that the state needs a good dog law.

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RAIN

Rain in varying amounts fell practically all over West Texas the last few days of April and first days of May, relieving extreme drouth conditions in many areas. Moisture ranged from light in Val Verde County to as high as eight inches around Stephenville and larger amounts around Brownwood, Coleman, Valera, Barnhart, Menard, Kerrville and Brady, creating in a number of these areas flood conditions. The rainfall to May 1, while not general enough to be called drouth-breaker, was nevertheless most helpful and will benefit greatly.

Livestock Census

STOCK SHEEP AND LAMBS: Number on Farms and Total Value, January 1

State and Division	Number				Total Value		
	Average 1945-54	1955	1956	1956 as percent of 1955	Average 1945-54	1955	1956
	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	Percent	1,000 dollars	1,000 dollars	1,000 dollars
Maine	26	32	36	113	371	426	464
New Hampshire	8	10	10	100	124	149	137
Vermont	11	12	13	108	165	158	166
Massachusetts	9	13	13	100	150	185	176
Rhode Island	2	2	2	100	32	28	28
Connecticut	7	9	9	100	118	136	133
New York	160	154	156	101	2,623	2,387	2,496
New Jersey	11	17	17	100	217	284	292
Pennsylvania	242	251	259	103	3,461	3,414	3,496
N. A.	476	500	515	103	7,261	7,167	7,388
Ohio	1,079	1,046	1,036	99	16,234	14,958	14,608
Indiana	414	442	491	111	6,961	6,453	6,678
Illinois	471	556	528	95	8,961	7,673	7,181
Michigan	395	334	311	93	6,311	4,977	4,451
Wisconsin	239	224	206	92	4,206	3,315	2,657
N. C. E.	2,598	2,602	2,572	99	42,072	37,376	35,665
Minnesota	721	750	735	98	11,894	9,975	9,922
Iowa	818	885	894	101	14,037	12,921	11,890
Missouri	937	681	749	110	14,076	9,125	10,037
North Dakota	479	479	546	114	7,322	6,754	6,934
South Dakota	975	1,058	1,085	103	15,714	17,563	15,732
Nebraska	207	261	242	93	3,174	3,811	3,049
Kansas	385	395	434	110	5,711	5,372	5,382
N. C. W.	4,516	4,509	4,685	104	71,927	65,521	62,946
N. C.	7,114	7,111	7,257	102	113,999	102,897	98,611
Delaware	2	4	4	100	41	54	53
Maryland	43	45	49	109	832	621	755
Virginia	305	327	347	106	5,682	5,690	6,038
West Virginia	317	311	314	101	5,159	4,416	4,741
North Carolina	42	51	53	103	728	826	853
South Carolina	4	5	8	160	49	66	124
Georgia	13	21	46	219	141	256	644
Florida	6	4	5	125	48	36	45
S. A.	733	768	826	108	12,580	11,965	13,253
Kentucky	685	581	593	102	13,073	10,574	10,674
Tennessee	285	286	295	103	4,630	4,376	4,454
Alabama	27	68	68	124	322	764	938
Mississippi	76	97	97	107	716	1,192	1,077
Arkansas	52	55	67	122	581	632	824
Louisiana	139	115	110	96	956	1,012	979
Oklahoma	135	169	203	120	1,723	2,129	2,517
Texas	7,070	5,354	4,979	93	83,675	54,075	54,271
S. C.	8,469	6,706	6,412	96	105,676	74,754	75,734
Montana	1,880	1,606	1,574	98	32,466	27,623	25,341
Idaho	1,090	1,030	999	97	21,614	18,025	15,484
Wyoming	2,189	1,903	1,998	105	38,486	32,732	32,368
Colorado	1,319	1,241	1,241	100	25,393	20,104	17,994
New Mexico	1,426	1,215	1,171	96	21,284	16,038	15,457
Arizona	437	412	410	100	6,842	6,510	5,863
Utah	1,433	1,383	1,383	100	26,490	25,309	23,926
Nevada	484	457	448	98	9,043	8,363	7,347
Washington	323	283	269	95	5,753	4,754	4,277
Oregon	766	822	806	98	13,561	14,303	12,412
California	1,802	1,700	1,700	100	34,098	32,980	29,920
West	13,149	12,052	11,999	100	235,031	206,741	190,389
U. S.	29,941	27,137	27,009	100	474,547	403,524	385,375

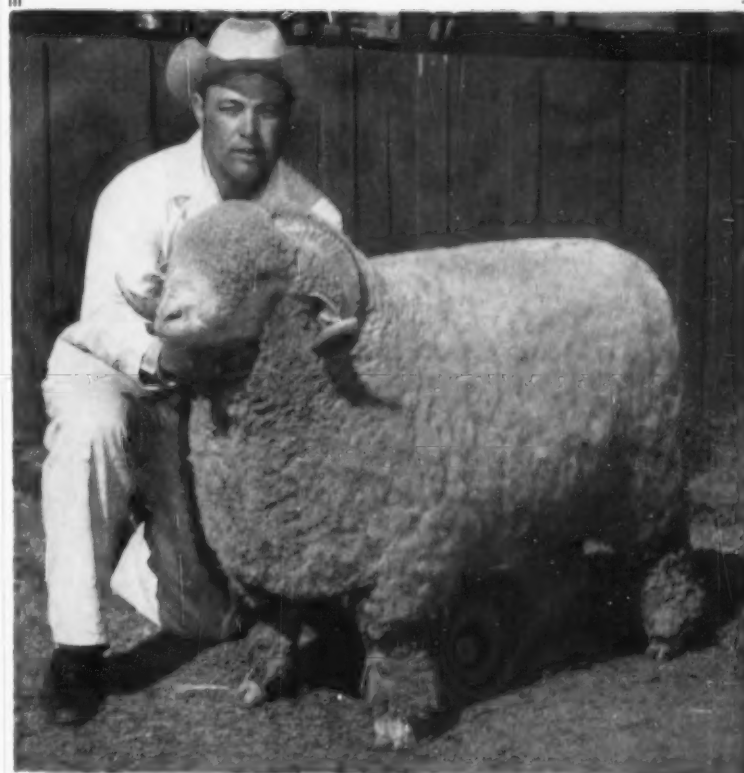
LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY: Number on Farms, Value per Head, and Total Value January 1, 1945-56, for the United States

Year	Cattle	Cows 2 yrs. for milk	Hogs	Stock Sheep	Horses and Mules	Chickens	Turkeys
Number on farms	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head	1,000 head
1945	85,573	27,770	59,373	39,609	11,950	516,497	7,082
1946	82,235	26,521	61,306	35,525	11,108	523,227	7,862
1947	80,554	25,842	56,810	31,805	10,129	467,217	5,879
1948	77,171	24,615	54,590	29,486	9,279	449,644	3,959
1949	75,830	23,862	56,257	26,940	8,498	430,876	4,622
1950	77,963	23,853	58,937	26,182	7,781	456,549	5,124
1951	82,083	23,068	62,117	27,251	7,036	430,988	5,037
1952	88,072	23,062	62,117	27,944	6,150	426,555	5,725
1953	94,241	23,549	51,755	27,593	5,403	398,158	5,086
1954	95,679	23,896	45,114	27,079	4,791	396,776	4,956
1955	96,592	23,462	50,474	27,137	4,309	390,708	4,917
Value Per Head	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars	Dollars
1945	66.90	99.40	20.60	8.45	83.60	1.21	5.79
1946	76.20	112.00	24.00	9.57	78.10	1.27	5.75
1947	97.50	145.00	36.00	12.20	81.70	1.44	6.54
1948	117.00	164.00	42.90	15.00	77.10	1.44	6.97
1949	135.00	193.00	38.30	17.00	70.60	1.66	8.80
1950	124.00	177.00	27.10	17.80	61.30	1.36	6.34
1951	160.00	219.00	33.30	26.50	54.60	1.46	6.48
1952	179.00	262.00	29.90	28.00	53.90	1.53	6.99
1953	128.00	203.00	26.10	15.70	53.00	1.41	6.15
1954	92.00	147.00	36.60	13.80	52.90	1.43	6.32
1955	88.20	134.00	30.60	14.90	56.20	1.05	5.33
1956	88.00	139.00	17.70	14.30	62.60	1.26	5.50
Total Value	Million Dollars	Million Dollars	Million Dollars	Million Dollars	Million Dollars	Million Dollars	Million Dollars
1945	5,722	2,761	1,225	335	999	626	41
1946	6,263	2,977	1,468	340	867	663	45
1947	7,858	3,754	2,046	389	828	673	38
1948	8,999	4,038	2,340	442	715	648	28
1949	10,382	4,615	2,154	459	600	716	41
1950	9,630	4,219	1,600	466	477	623	32
1951	13,174	5,152	2,073	722	384	627	33
1952	15,752	5,801	1,860	783	332	653	40
1953	12,045	4,769	1,350	434	286	562	31
1954	8,804	3,511	1,649	375	253	569	31
1955	8,517	3,148	1,542	404	242	411	26
1956	8,581	3,235	977	385	248	480	27

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Management of the Farm Flock



By JOE H. DIXON

Oklahoma Sheepmen Get Going

SHEEP PROMOTION will probably always be of vital importance to those engaged in the sheep industry. The Oklahoma Sheep Breeders Association has recently estimated that the number of stock sheep on farms in Oklahoma has increased 100% since 1950, a jump of from 100,000 to 200,000. The Oklahoma farmers and ranchers have found that a few sheep fit nicely into their farm program and it is surprising to notice the many new flocks started each year.

The expansion of the commercial sheep business in the Southwest is also important to the purebred industry, in providing many of the rams used on these farm flocks. The opportunity for further increasing the sheep on farms has never been better and the Oklahoma Sheep Breeders have set as their goal, 300,000 sheep in the state by 1960. It would not surprise me in the least to see this accomplished. The spirit and enthusiasm of the Oklahoma Sheep Breeders is to be commended, for they talk sheep, believe the sheep industry is a good one and help their neighbors to become interested in sheep.

Try to Learn About Sheep

The beginner in the sheep industry should have some understanding of the present day demand for quality lambs and wool. If he will start with not too many of the right kind of ewes and follow time proven practices, used by other good sheepmen, he has every reason to feel that he too has a good chance to be successful. Cost of production in any business is important and sheep are noted for making economical gains. Sheep have long been known for their ability to eat and keep down weeds and can be depended upon to do well and make good gains on many different kinds of pasture. Of course there are always critical periods that appear occasionally, when better feed and care are essential. Periods of drought such as some of us have experienced in the past few years, many times causes us to give the flock extra feed and attention. This extra feed should help the flock to stay in good breeding condition.

Experience Is the Best Teacher

For best results in the sheep business, a practical knowledge of sheep is essential. This can be acquired by experience gained by giving the necessary time and attention to the flock when they need it most. Breeding time, the lambing season and getting lambs off to a fast start, are all important factors in sheep production.

The sheep business is like a lot of other things, one can learn a lot from experience of others but nothing takes the place of experience you gain the hard way of doing the work yourself. Experience you have gained first hand, will stay with you and you will not easily forget. Books, magazines and advice from veteran sheep breeders may be helpful but chances are your real success will start with sheep, when you learn to do things for yourself. There is nothing wrong in listening to others with more experience but generally the most successful people learn to run their own business.

Establishing the Flock

It seems to me there should be a place on every farm for a few sheep. They can help in keeping your small lots and orchard free from weeds and long grass and make them much more attractive. For the beginner, I have always thought it advisable to start out in a moderate way and then if found profitable, grow into the business. A small flock of from 10 to 25 ewes is sufficient to begin with.

There is considerable enjoyment to be had for the livestock lover, in caring for a small flock of sheep. You will learn something of their habits just watching them graze and clean up your lots around your farm buildings. After gaining some experience in taking care of a small flock and handling sheep it might be well to increase your flock to 35 or 50 ewes, as a unit of this size should produce enough lambs and wool to be marketed to good advantage.

Do Not Overstock on Start

I have had men approach me who apparently knew nothing whatever about the sheep business, that seemingly became enthused about it over-

night. Some of them wanted to start with from 100 to 200 ewes, because they seemed to think they had plenty of feed and to start with less would be wasting valuable time. I would never recommend any beginner to do this unless they could put their finger on a man that knows how to handle and care for that many ewes. Too many sheep for your pasture is bad business and it never pays to overstock. Intestinal parasites seem to bother a flock much more, when they are allowed to graze a pasture too close. A few years experience with a small flock should tell the flock owner how many ewes he can run to good advantage.

Selecting Your Ewes

For the farmer wanting some good grade ewes to start his flock, it might be well for him to make up his mind before he tries to buy, as to the type of ewes he might prefer. Perhaps for the average farmer, range ewes predominant in Delaine or Rambouillet bloodlines might prove the best buy. This type of ewe when bred to a good ram produces a very acceptable market lamb, are very hardy, stand the hot summers well and shear more wool. Then there are other farmers who might prefer to start with good black-faced grade ewes or other mutation type ewes. I know of several farmers in the sheep business who would have nothing else. In my opinion, there is room for both types of commercial ewes in the Southwest.

In selecting some good ewes to start with, uniformity in size and type is desirable. Look for good, thrifty, active ewes that are in good breeding condition. Many times the largest, fattest ewes in a flock may be ewes that did not raise a lamb, and might prove to be non-breeders. I have always preferred medium to good sized, deep bodied breeding ewes that are level-backed, wide over the top and not too high off the ground. The long legged, slag sided, shallow bodied kind, often produce rather slow maturing lambs.

What Age Ewes to Buy

Young ewes, from one to three years old, have all their life ahead of them but will probably cost you more money. They are a good investment for the man that has learned to lamb out his ewes. But for the beginner,

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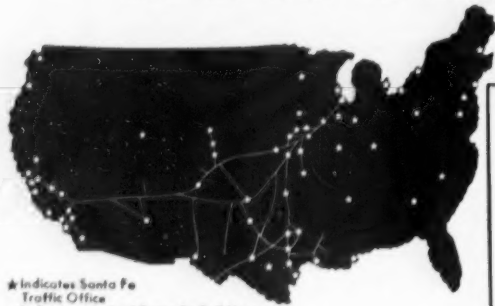
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Analyzing Livestock And Meat Situation

By SHEEP AND GOAT RAISER CHICAGO BUREAU

FOR THE average livestock producer, the first half of April was a little disappointing. It was generally expected that additional strengthening of livestock prices would highlight the markets for most classes at the outset of April as the arrival of Easter on April 1 brought to an end the Lenten season and the restrictions it imposed on meat consumption during the previous six weeks.

However, further gains were not forthcoming during the first couple of weeks of a more normal consumer demand. In fact, most classes were forced to give ground as part of the gains which were forced during the Lenten season were erased. Only hogs managed to hold onto virtually all of the gains as hog producers kept volume low enough most times to keep hog prices at the best levels in more than six months.

Probably the most disappointing performance recently was found in the lamb trade. Despite the fact that lamb numbers at Chicago dwindled noticeably during the past month or so, buyer interest has been dormant at times and more than offset the reduced volume. As a result, lamb producers found returns slightly smaller of late, compared with the fairly good prices which prevailed earlier this winter.

Part of the comparatively poorer showing of lambs recently was due to the fact that the quality began deter-

iorating about the same time numbers began falling off. With the marketing season of well-finished old-crop lambs nearing an end, a good share of the recent offerings have consisted of clean-up shipments which lacked the quality to which most killers had become accustomed in the past few months.

Actually, the lamb market began its seasonal period when numbers of old-crop offerings began dwindling at Chicago before the volume of new-crop lambs became large enough to take up some of the slack. The absence of quality in the lamb offerings took some of the wind out of the trade and values for the rank and file dropped fully 50c and more from the recent high points and most sales of old-crop woolled offerings were made down from the \$21 figure.

However, an occasional shipment of old-crop lambs was available that carried the extra high quality and finish and killers grabbed these off without attempting to make any price concessions. The result was that the year's high of \$22 was paid, but very few producers had the kind needed to obtain this figure.

If it were not for California lamb producers who marketed shipments of new-crop spring lambs at Chicago recently, killers would have found this class virtually absent, since producers who market lambs at Chicago do not have their spring lambs ready until



THE HOLLE FAMILY DOES WELL WITH SHEEP IN THE WINTERS AREA

On the left is Maurice Holle, 17, in the center is E. H. Holle, Rt. 3, father, and on the right is Jerry Holle, 19. The Holles on Rt. 3 have been doing very well with sheep this year and the brothers are especially proud of their performance in the show ring. All of the sheep are Rambouillets and they have more than 70 breeding ewes at present. Mr. Holle gives the boys encouragement but lets them do the work. At Winters the Holle brothers showed the champion fine wool lamb and the champion and reserve champion ram and ewe. They placed sixth, eleventh and twentieth in the crossbred lamb class at San Antonio and high in the fine wool class. At Houston they had first and fourth pen of three in the fine wool class and sixth in the crossbred. They also placed high in the individual and crossbred classes.

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later. Instead, occasional loads of spring lambs arrived from the West Coast to satisfy some of the demand for this class. The best of these recently sold up to \$23, while other spring lambs figured in the \$22 column.

While killers were getting an occasional taste of new-crop lambs which they showed more appetite for than the old-crop offerings, lamb feeders also found a limited number of new-crop lambs in the feeder flesh included in the receipts. Recently new-crop feeders of Southwest origin went on country account at \$19.50, while a few sales of old-crop lambs sold down around the \$17 figure.

The ability of the hog market to hold its recent high position gives value to the earlier belief of much higher hog prices later this spring and summer. Most members are predicting top hog values up to \$20 and slightly above at Chicago in the foreseeable future.

Already this spring the hog market has made an almost miraculous recovery from the winter's low point and values during the fore part of April were at the highest levels since last September. The comeback in hog prices was sparked by a gradual drop in pork production in federally inspected plants throughout the country. Hog slaughter during the first part of April was running the smallest since last August.

The substantial price gains in hogs over the past month or so removed the need for the government purchases of pork and lard and the program was ended at the outset of April. This buying program was instituted last November by the Department of Agriculture to remove excess supplies of pork from the market and was aimed at bolstering hog prices. During the five months the program was in operation, the government purchased almost 200 million pounds of pork and lard at a cost of about \$102 million.

While hog producers were able to hold their recent gains, cattle feeders received a setback as more of them took advantage of the higher prices which were recorded during the final half of March when cattle numbers were held down. The increased volume during the first half of April was not very large, but it was sufficient to give killers an opportunity to cut their live costs slightly. The higher wholesale beef prices which had to be made to offset the higher

dressed costs were not forthcoming during the first part of April and this caused most killers to turn a little bearish. It was believed that had the wholesale trade turned higher immediately after Easter, the heavier cattle volume which materialized during the few weeks following would not have been a depressing factor.

Before most classes of steers were forced to give a little ground, a few loads of outstanding old-crop long-fed steers set a four-month peak of \$27. However, the fact that prime steers made up less than 10 percent of the recent volume at Chicago failed to hold the \$17 price in the quotations and around the middle of the month the top figure was back down around the \$16 mark.

Most cattle feeders who marketed a goodly number of steers carrying five or six months of drylot finish and grading choice came close to breaking even in their feeding operations by taking prices ranging from \$19.50 to \$21. Only steers grading mixed high choice and prime which showed a feeding period ranging upwards of eight months sold from \$21.50 to \$23.50.

Meanwhile, feeders who had heifers to offer killers lately found the going a little better than those with steers since the relative scarcity of heifers in recent marketings added extra price gains and most heifer feeders were rewarded with modest margins. Choice heifers were the best property as most of them sold from \$18.50 to \$20.50. A few prime loads of heifers established the recent peak of \$22, the highest since January.

While Corn Belt cattle feeders were trying to get their operations back on a paying basis, other problems developed with other cattlemen. One problem which continues to plague some sections is the continued lack of moisture. A recent report from the Bluestem area of Kansas indicates leasing of pastures on April 1 was behind a year ago because of the shortage of water.

Only 81 percent of the Bluestem pastures was leased on April 1, compared with 89 percent on the same date a year ago, even though a broad demand prevails for grazing areas. Because of the shortage of pond water, many owners planned light pasturing, while others are resting pastures by leasing the land to the government for \$1.50 to \$2.25 per acre.

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'Blanket of Grass'

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POETICALLY inclined writers, in ages past, have referred to grass covered hills as "hills blanketed with grass." They, of course, were not placing a literal interpretation on the word "blanket." Little did they realize that on some cold day the casual observations of people working with sheep would bring to light facts that prove that grass actually does serve as a blanket. In fact, just as much so as the blankets man puts on his bed at night.

Several years ago, Mr. and Mrs. Roy Willmann, of Comfort, observed that ewes lambing in a pasture with a good grass cover had very little trouble

and losses of lambs from cold and exposure was very low. Lower in fact, than they had ever experienced and with very little attention and care on their part. Range conservation work was just gaining momentum and the Willmanns were pioneers. Since little research was available, it was difficult to draw conclusions as to why the sheep lambled out with less loss in a pasture with good grass.

Recently, in fact, on March 12, 1956, Mr. Elgin Ellebracht and his son and daughter, Levi and Bernice, were looking after ewes that were lambing. The temperature was down to a low of 33 degrees and did not

go above 57 during the day. After working all day, they remembered that they had not found any lambs suffering from the cold where a good grass cover was available. All of the lambs found where there was a poor grass cover were suffering from the cold. They found two dead lambs and four severely chilled ones in areas of short grass. The chilled ones had to be taken to shelter or they would have died.

In addition to this direct loss, it is hard to estimate the damage done to the future health of other lambs that did not become so severely chilled and weakened that they had to be taken in.

The observations of these people are termed casual because they were not made with intent to prove any point. The evidence was so strong that the conclusions reached are all the more important. In each case, they were observing actual conditions on their own place, conditions which varied from the usual. They were also conditions which affected them very beneficially.

Developments in knowledge and techniques in range conservation have progressed rapidly during the past few years. It is now possible to actually see the poet's "blanket covered hills" in the Hill Country of Texas.

For several years, Soil Conservation Service personnel in the Junction and Brownwood Work Units have kept temperature readings of air, bare ground, and under grass cover. All of these readings compare favorably with the trend in the temperature chart shown. In February, the temperature under grass was 18 degrees warmer than air temperature at 6:00 A.M. The temperature under grass stayed fairly constant all day while the air temperature varied from 20 degrees at 6:00 A.M. to 49 degrees at 2:00 P.M. and back to 42 degrees at 6:00 P.M. All in the same day. There was a greater variation in ground temperature on bare ground. This varied from a low of 23 degrees to a high of 74 degrees at 2:00 P.M. and then back to 47 degrees at 6:00 P.M.

Why does a man put a blanket on his bed? It keeps the temperature warmer and holds it at close to a constant level. In the Brownwood readings in February the grass cover performed as a blanket.

Now back to the lamb story. Physiologists tell us that the "young" of both man and animal require a constant temperature, not too hot or too cool, for the organs of the body to function properly, gain strength and develop resistance to the elements. This development process is necessary for survival and if favorable conditions are not available on the range, then man must bring the lambs in to sheltered areas in order to save them. This extra handling requires labor, out in the cold, and too frequently a lamb is not found until it is already dead or too weak to save.

The casual observations of Hill Country ranch people have focused new importance on grass. "Grass" truly blankets the soil to slow water runoff, reduce erosion, and HOLD TEMPERATURE TO A CONSTANT LEVEL. And "grass" is also the most important food for both wild game and domestic animals.

SALES

WM. VOLKMANN, Menard, recently sold to George Mitchell and Etta Holt of Graham, Texas, five Angora bucks at \$75 to \$125 per head and three rams—Corriedale-Rambouillet crosses, at \$50; to Walter Merritt of Mountain Home, six rams at the same price. In Angora sales he sold 50 bred Angora does in the hair to a Mason County buyer at \$14 per head and to Mr. Marmaduke Cobryn of Oklahoma City, who ranches in Wagoner County, Oklahoma, 110 does—50 yearling does at \$14 and 60 older does at \$10. He also sold Mr. Cobryn and Every Harrell of Ponca City, Oklahoma, five yearling Angora bucks at \$50 a head. Ben Deckert of Junction bought 248 yearling mutton sheep, seven weeks out of the wool, weighing 105 pounds gross at \$16.75.

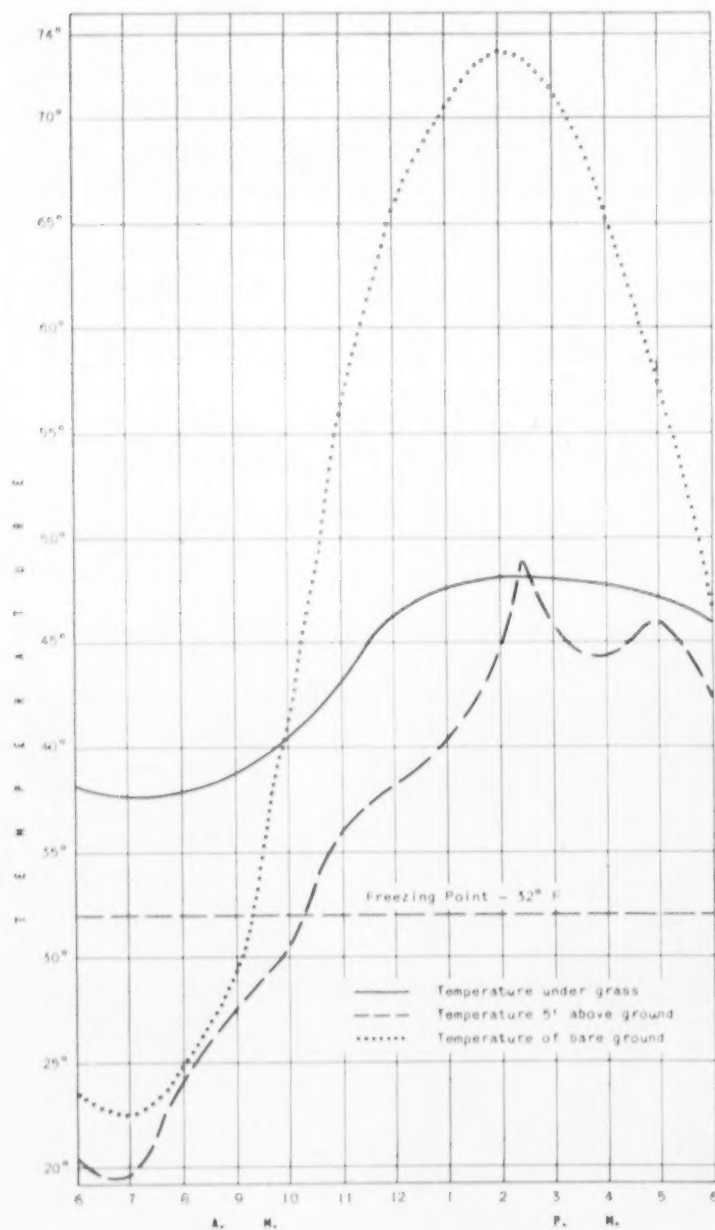


CHART SHOWING EXTREME VARIATION IN AIR AND BARE GROUND TEMPERATURE AS COMPARED WITH FAIRLY CONSTANT TEMPERATURE UNDER GRASS

Data by Soil Conservation Service Personnel Brownwood, Texas based on half hour readings during 12 hour period February 11, 1954.

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This pasture on the Elgin Ellebracht place was deferred during three summers and grazed during the winter. Grasses such as tall dropseed, sideoats grama, hairy grama, and silver bluestem have made a good recovery. Little bluestem and Indiangrass are just beginning to show some recovery. Deferred pastures should make good lambing pastures. Mr. Ellebracht is in the center with his daughter and son, Bernice and Levi. Bernice is a clerk in the Area Office of the Soil Conservation Service at Fredericksburg.

Locklin Tops Wool Show

A RAMBOUILLET fleece entered in the California Wool Show held at Sacramento, April 29-30 won the grand championship award. The winner was Connie Mack Locklin, 4-H Club member of Sutton County. The Locklin fleece also took another trophy as "best ewe fleece from flock of less than 350 ewes" and was awarded the California Wool Growers Association trophy.

The observation of the California report indicated that: "This prize-winning Rambouillet was an extremely choice fleece in every respect, uniform in length and quality; a perfect fleece from both producer's and manufacturer's standpoint. It is the type fleece that every sheepman would like to produce and every buyer wants to buy—a beautiful package of wool. To some extent, Dr. Glenn Spurlock of Dixon, California, commented that it reflects the excellent Rambouillet breeding stock and suitability of that

particular area of Texas for wool production."

The Columbia ewe fleece entered by L. A. Nordan of Boerne, Texas, took the reserve championship. Nordan's fleece also was named champion Columbia fleece in "fleeces from purebred sheep only."

The judges commented that the Nordan fleece was beautifully prepared; excellent staple and condition; extremely fine in grade for a Columbia; a very clean, low-shrinking fleece, exceptionally uniform.

A heavy Rambouillet ewe fleece from New Mexico entered by T. J. Sutherland of Ruidoso won the Palace Hotel trophy for best ewe fleece from flock of 350 or more ewes and champion in "Fine Combing 64's-80's division." "An extremely soft, fine wool fleece, weighing 14½ pounds. It was outstanding from a state noted for its fine wools."

LEST IT BE MISUNDERSTOOD

THE TREMENDOUS potential of the worming procedure which would obviate both the real and hidden cost of rounding up and individually drenching sheep and cattle is recognized by everyone, but here is a word about several phases of the procedure discussed in a recent issue of the magazine under the title of "What's New?" That procedure is that of putting a palatable Phenothiazine mixture on feed. While this type of stomach worm control and eradication has as much merit, according to some authorities, especially for cattle, it also carries with it a responsibility and it is pointed out that in sheep

especially there is a danger that the efficacy of the method will be offset by some sheep getting too much of the Phenothiazine and others getting too little. It behooves the ranchman, therefore, to observe carefully the individual consumption of each animal in this method of stomach worm control.

Effective parasite control will demand more than one treatment, regardless of the method used, according to all authorities, one declares: "The very nature of the life cycle of the stomach worm makes repeat treatments necessary, for almost immediately after treatment the animals begin to acquire a fresh infestation if they are returned to the original pasture."

It is estimated that at least one million pounds of mohair was sold in mid-April at prices ranging around 86½ cents for adult hair and 96½ cents for kid hair. Later reports indicated the strengthening of the wool and mohair market and Jack Taylor, Kerrville, for Forte, Dupee, Sawyer Company, Boston, and Bevie DeMotive, San Angelo, operator of the Santa Rita Wool Company, bought approximately 125,000 pounds of graded adult and kid mohair at the Junction Warehouse Company, Conrad Holekamp, owner and operator, Junction, Texas. The price was reported to be 87½ cents per pound for 50,000 pounds of adult hair and 96.75 cents for a like amount of kid hair. Graded kid and adult hair brought prices of \$1.01 per pound and 96.25 cents per pound, respectively.

Core testing is becoming more popular with the warehousemen, wool buyers and even the growers, many of whom are refusing to sell on any other basis of calculating shrinkage.

Eight months wool in varying amounts estimated at as high as 750,000 pounds to the latter part of April had been sold at prices ranging to around 53 cents a pound.

The Top Company, through Weldon Vaughan of San Angelo, purchased about 300,000 pounds of Central Texas 12-months wool at around \$1.25 per pound, clean basis.

Very likely it will not be possible, however, to totally eliminate the present imperative need for careful watching among the flock or herd after dosing, no matter what kind of method is used to administer the drug.

SANTA RITA WOOL HOUSE GETS LITTLETON

BILL LITTLETON has resigned his position as manager of the Western Wool and Mohair Company, San Angelo, which position he has held 11 years. He is now manager and warehouseman of the Santa Rita Wool Company, San Angelo.

Littleton served as secretary of the American Rambouillet Sheep Breeders Association from the time the office was moved to San Angelo from Ohio until he assumed management of the Western Company.

The Santa Rita Wool Company is owned by Bill Quick and Bevie DeMotive. W. H. Schleyer will continue as office manager of Santa Rita. George Taylor, who has served as office manager at the Western Company several years, is now manager.

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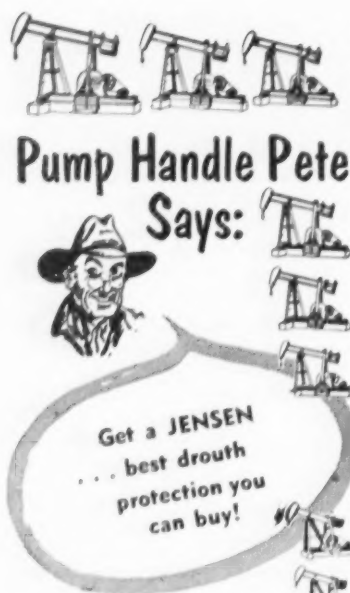
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Drouth Is a Dreaded Partner

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- UTILIZING THE MOISTURE TO BEST ADVANTAGE

By C. A. RECHENTHIN
Soil Conservation Service
San Angelo, Texas

An Awful Lot of Black!

DROUTH CONDITIONS have existed in the San Angelo area for 31%, just about one-third, of the time in the last 52 years, as measured by periods

of three or more consecutive months with less than one inch of rain. If measured by two-month periods, moisture was inadequate for 40% of the time. A total of 307 months, 49%

out of the 624, in the last 52 years had less than one inch of moisture.

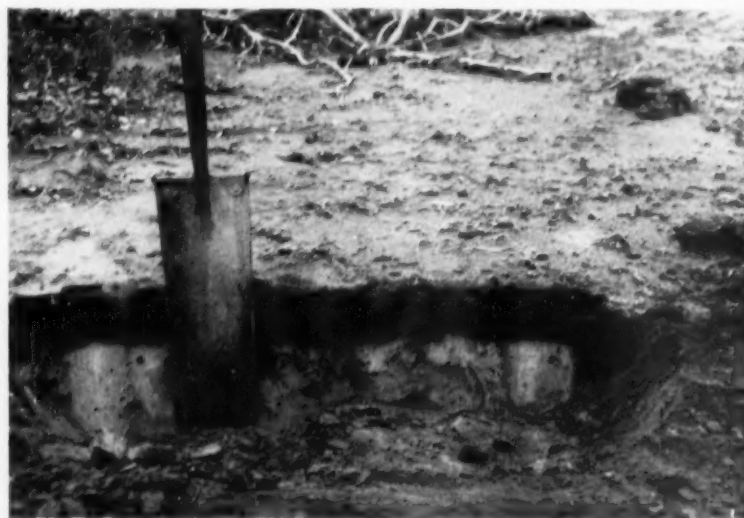
These rainfall records show clearly that drouth is an important factor in the climate and the ranching industry in West Texas. Take a look at the rainfall record. On the accompanying chart all months in which less than one inch of moisture occurred have been blacked out. There is an awful lot of black!

When Drouth Gets in The Saddle

This isn't all the picture, though. In some of the months when more than one inch was recorded, the rains came as small ineffective showers, and really these months should be blacked, also, on the chart.

One month with deficient moisture isn't so bad. Our soils are deep and can absorb and store a lot of moisture in good condition. But when rains don't come for two months, things are beginning to get serious. However, when it fails to rain for three or more months, drouth is sitting in the saddle with the rancher as a most unwelcome partner.

Unfortunately, drouth doesn't stop at one month, or two, or even three. During the last 52 years, there were 26 periods when moisture failed to come for two consecutive months, 18 periods of three dry months, seven that lasted for four months, six of five months duration, four periods of six months, three of seven months, and



A trench in a pasture near Bronte showing how little moisture soaked into the soil from a hard 2.25-inch shower. The bare surface let most of the water run off. Only about one-half inch of the rain penetrated 3 inches into the soil, as shown by the dark layer. The moisture soon evaporated and was lost. The 2.25-inch rain was wasted and the drouth continued on this pasture unchecked.



L. D. Booker of the Soil Conservation Service of Sanderson shows how grass can grow if it gets moisture. This is in a pasture of G. K. Mitchell, one of the supervisors of the Rio Grande-Pecos River Soil Conservation District. The grasses are mostly sideoats grama and cane bluestem. This kind of cover will soak up almost every drop of rain, no matter how hard the rain. The pasture has been rested during the summer to let the grasses recover from the drouth.

What a difference a wire fence can make. In the foreground, the surface is bare and most of the rains run off and are wasted. Yet on the other side, most of the rain is saved and grows grass. On one side of the fence, drouth; on the other side forage.

RAINFALL RECORD, SAN ANGELO, TEXAS

Year	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
1904				2.43	3.25	5.25		1.81	2.35	2.55	1.68		21.64
1905	1.20	1.33	3.45	3.07	6.14	2.14				2.25	1.39		22.83
1906				4.24	1.87	2.44	3.79	11.31	3.90		1.52		31.87
1907							4.49			5.15	2.61		15.28
1908		1.23	6.54	1.59	1.33	2.64	3.53	1.65	1.20	2.32			22.63
1909				2.90	1.88	2.46		1.80	1.80		1.15		13.84
1910		1.18	3.00					2.19	1.88				11.24
1911		3.95	2.37	3.08			4.80	7.31	2.15	1.06		5.96	31.86
1912		2.06		1.48	1.12	1.62		2.90			2.02	2.07	14.88
1913				1.65	6.27	4.60		1.75	1.57	3.19	7.02	1.95	30.14
1914				1.20	5.66	1.87	2.69	7.63		4.40	3.91		27.94
1915	1.12			1.25	2.43		1.60	1.44	8.27				18.19
1916				3.62	1.60	1.60	2.82	1.04	1.06	2.56			15.43
1917					2.81				1.90				8.29
1918					3.88					4.74	1.48	1.60	14.46
1919	5.41	1.68	1.21	1.87	3.87	6.13	3.31	2.83	6.57	4.85	2.38		40.75
1920	2.43				1.96	4.28		6.29	1.65	1.74			20.51
1921			2.66		2.20	3.89							12.31
1922				6.07	5.33	2.13	3.40		1.69	2.08	1.28		22.64
1923	2.64	3.97	1.41	2.44	1.61		1.08	2.04	1.67	2.78	2.99		23.99
1924		2.07	1.43		4.50				1.68	1.07		2.23	13.58
1925				4.14	4.05	2.23	3.23	6.34	3.28	1.87			26.12
1926	1.92		3.75	4.57	2.14	2.07	2.69	3.18	1.30	3.42		5.45	30.49
1927		2.78	1.27		2.28	1.84		1.44	3.32	5.98			20.19
1928					3.65	3.55	2.62	1.81	4.08	1.22	1.19		20.52
1929			2.41	1.97	3.43				1.99	2.99			15.93
1930				2.50	1.64	1.40		1.05		7.75	2.15	1.01	19.19
1931	1.79	2.19		2.50			1.76			2.08	2.31		16.24
1932	1.05	2.86		1.97	7.08	3.70	1.48	2.26	6.57			2.41	32.88
1933					2.09			1.62		1.11			8.49
1934			2.76	3.68				2.46			4.72		16.30
1935		2.24		1.41	4.87	4.27	4.73	1.88	5.35	1.44			27.88
1936					3.86		3.50		27.65	2.26		1.25	40.31
1937			1.39		4.60	3.49	2.14		3.60	1.98		2.90	22.96
1938	1.82			4.75	2.27		3.71						16.82
1939	1.56			1.56	2.83		1.89	2.89			2.05		15.84
1940		1.61		2.50	3.05	7.46			1.58	3.31	3.09		25.90
1941	1.79		2.20	3.55	5.94	4.54	1.18	3.01	3.25	5.45			32.67
1942				3.12	4.43		1.22	4.78	2.06	3.20			21.27
1943			1.13		2.08				2.76		2.68	1.71	12.83
1944	3.69	1.01			2.51			4.01	3.87			1.28	19.94
1945		1.10	1.44	1.76			2.73		1.55	1.37			12.88
1946								2.02	1.00		1.06		7.22
1947	1.15		1.10		2.97	1.28				1.46			11.52
1948				1.45	3.10	1.84	2.84		1.09	1.44			13.86
1949	2.06	1.19	1.09	4.71	2.89	1.88		2.98	1.15	3.83			23.38
1950	1.43			1.16	4.91		2.32	1.68	6.15				18.65
1951						3.47		3.29					10.30
1952				1.06	2.57		1.10				1.56		9.61
1953			5.00		2.50		3.60	1.80	1.24	4.95			21.06
1954				3.08	4.14								9.92
1955					2.84	3.66	2.37		1.43				12.87

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* AVERAGE for last 30 years.

one each of eight, nine, 10 and 11 months a total of 68 periods of two or more months without rain.

The longest continuous drought was the one of 11 months, beginning in June 1954, and ending April 1955. Only 3.75 inches fell during the 11-month period, an average of only .34 inch per month.

Only 3.02 inches fell during the 10-month period of November 1945 to August 1946. This is an average of .30 inch per month.

A drought of nine months started in July 1921 and ended March 1922. Only 2.47 inches fell during the nine months, an average of .27 inch per month. An eight months drought began October 1950 and ended May 1951. A total of 1.96 inches, .24 per month, fell during the period.

The lowest average monthly rainfall for a sustained period occurred in one of the three seven-month droughts, when only 1.22 inches fell in seven months, an average of .17 inch per month, beginning October 1917 and ending with April 1918. However, there were several periods of two and three months when absolutely no moisture was recorded!

Drought of '17 - '18

One of the longest and severest droughts appears to have been the memorable drought of '17 and '18. Beginning in November 1916, only three of the next 23 months had more than one inch of moisture. Those three months were so scattered that most of the moisture was ineffective due to

lack of cover on the range, runoff losses, and dry, hot days following the rains. Just about the time the grass started growing each time, the moisture played out and everything parched again.

Another long drought started in October 1950 and ended with March 1953, a period of 29 months. Six months recorded more than one inch, but three of these were barely over one inch. Most of that was ineffective, so really there were only three months with appreciable moisture, and those were so scattered as to be lost in the long dry months following.

Of the calendar years, 1946 was the lowest with only 7.22 inches. In only three of the 12 months did more than one inch fall. It barely exceeded one inch in two of those months, so moisture conditions were inadequate for good growth of forage.

May Most Dependable Month

Seasonal rainfall data also reveals some interesting facts. Spring rainfall for the months of April and May is the most reliable. The average monthly rainfall for May is about 2.96 inches, and that generally is enough to start grasses growing, and get crops planted. In only eight of the last 52 years did rains fail to come in May. The odds are about five to one in your favor that more than one inch of rain will come in May, about 2.5 to one that more than two inches will fall.

But the odds begin to stack up against you when the summer months come. June is dry slightly less than

one-half of the years, as are July and August. Droughts of two or more months duration occurred in about one-third of the summers. This is at a time when temperatures and the moisture requirement of plants are high, and failure of moisture can hurt.

September and October are somewhat better. Only 31% of these months were dry, with droughts of two or more months in only about one-fourth of the years.

November begins the "blackout" for the rancher. Rains failed in 62% of the years in November, and 72% of the years in December, January and February. It didn't get any better in March, as 64% of the time it failed to rain in that month. This means that in three out of every four years the rancher can expect no winter moisture. Worse yet, rains failed to come in about two of every three years for periods of two or more consecutive months. There wasn't enough moisture to grow winter weeds, the emergency forage when the grass and feed is gone. Ranchers counting on winter weeds to carry through their livestock find the odds about two to one against them, and any poker player says that is poor odds.

Putting Something Aside For the Droughty Days

These facts taken from the rainfall records at San Angelo for the last 52 years point out that drought is a definite, and always expected, part of the climate in West Texas. As one rancher was heard to say, "We have more climate and less rainfall than most any place." Plans must be made in the ranching business to provide for livestock during the droughts as an important part of the program. Instead of putting something aside for "rainy days," West Texas ranchers have to put something aside for the "droughty days" which are sure to come.

Denuding the Range

One of the more serious aspects of drought is that livestock remove every bit of the cover that is on the range in their search for food. When the rains do come, the barren, denuded range is not in shape to soak up the rains, and the little that does enter the soil is lost by evaporation.

Moisture Penetration Most Important

Soil Conservation Service employees and ranchers in soil conservation districts have checked moisture penetrations following rains, and repeatedly find the same tragic story. For example, on a bare range near Bronte, the moisture penetrated into the soil only three inches deep during a 2.25-inch rain. This means that only about 1/2 inch of moisture soaked into the soil, the rest wasting off the thirsty range. Within a few days, that 1/2 inch evaporated, leaving the range as thirsty and parched as ever. Drought was unchecked. Had a cover been on the soil, every bit of the 2.25 inches would have soaked in, and have grown about 500 pounds of usable forage per acre.

Cover Most Important Item on Range

Livestock operators need to keep some cover on the soil. Cover is a most important item on ranges. It (Continued on page 32)

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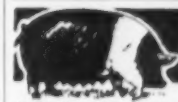
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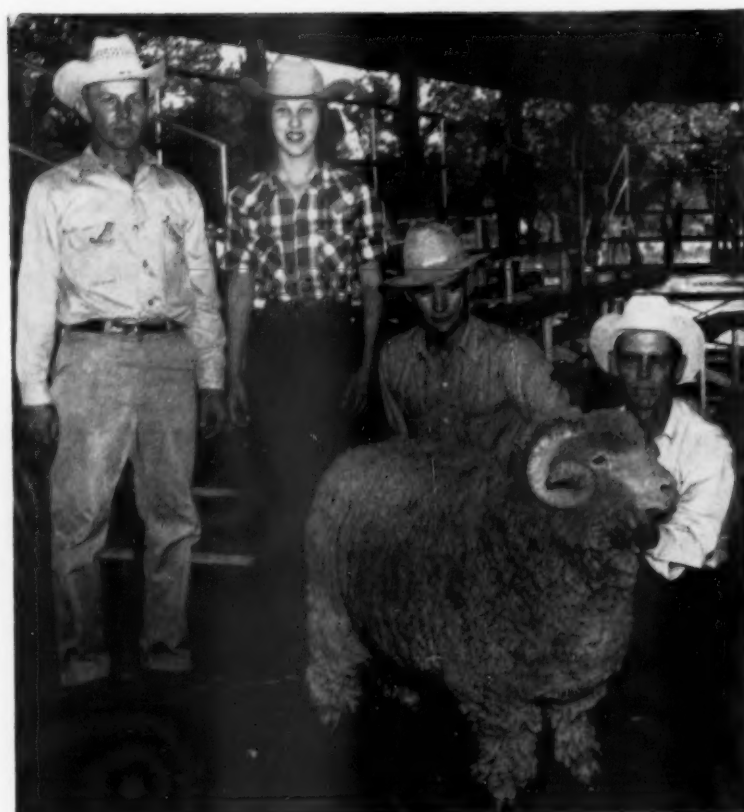
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David Watters, Goldthwaite, is shown holding the top selling Relaine ram of the first annual sale of the Southwestern Registered Delaine Sheep Breeders Association held at Hamilton, April 25. The ram sold to Cecil Mercer, Carlton, Texas, for \$150. On the left is Paul Gromatzky, President of the association, and Lynn Kirby, Secretary.

Pierce Hoggett of Junction has recently sold 1600 head mutton lambs to Ben Deckert for a New Mexico sheepman. The lambs weighed 80 pounds and were delivered shorn at 14 cents.

Wallace Hendricks, who has a pretty and well improved stock farm some 18 miles southwest of Comanche towards Hamilton, reports that his sheep are doing very well. Mr. Hendricks, who recently ranches near San Angelo, has proved that

Rambouillets can be raised in Central Texas and has some very fine polled rams for exhibit in this regard. He declares that many of his neighbors have been buying registered stock from him and find that the Rambouillets do well and make money. He has about 50 or 60 acres of oats up and needing rains, but he figures he will make a pretty fair crop anyway. Mr. Hendricks is one of the veteran registered Rambouillet breeders of the state.

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By Opal Sweeten

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For the drouth that is coming, or here.

You wonder if contracting that clip of mohair
Is the thing that will make you dinero,
But, you decide to hold, and ask for more gold,
When the bottom falls out, you fall also.

One year you shear, begin to relax
When the hair on their backs start to grow,
But old mother nature just laughs in your face
And give you ten inches of snow!

You may buck and pitch, and chew at your bit,
Declare that it's all too depressing,
But you know in your heart, if you tell the truth,
That you really enjoy the guessing.

Oh, you sweat, and cuss, and make lots of fuss,
About all that you are going through,
But the old "goat bug's" got into your blood,
And there's nothing else you care to do!

Joe Lemley and Henry Moore of San Angelo and Eldorado, respectively, recently sold 600 yearling Rambouillet ewes to Harvey Martin, San Angelo buyer. The price was 16½ cents a pound; also 1,100 head of 87-pound mutton lambs at 14½ cents.

Russell Hays recently purchased 800 Rambouillet yearling ewes from Roy Bagley of San Saba for delivery May 15, out of the wool. It is estimated that the ewes will weigh around 80 pounds. The price was said to be 16½ cents a pound.

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Las Moras Ranch

ONE OF WEST TEXAS FAMOUS PIONEER RANCHES, AND MENARD COUNTY PEOPLE BEFORE THE TURN OF THE CENTURY

By J. FORREST RUNGE

MANY AND varied explanations can be given for people migrating from one part of a country to another and from one country to another far distant land. Religious and political oppression were driving forces, as was quest for "lebensraum" and lust for adventure. In the case of our hero, a tiny individual named Ernest Carlin, the ambition to be a big shot in his own little sea prompted him to forsake the crowded environs of his native Paris, France, and drift over to America. When he reached St. Louis and made his plans known, he was forthwith directed to one Col. Wm. L. Black, who had just foolishly thrown

away \$10,000.00 of good cash for 10 cents-an-acre script of Texas wilderness west of Fort McKavett. This worthy claims that he was instrumental in Carlin choosing to establish his "Domaine" at the head of Howard's Creek, in Menard County, five miles south of old Fort San Saba, and 35½ miles northwest of Ft. Mason, that is now six miles southwest of Menard.

According to the record book in the Menard County court house the headquarters Section No. 448 was transferred from Julius Kaufman to Ernest Carlin on December 21, 1876. This was in District No. 4 by virtue of premium certificate No. 12 signed by

Commissioner of Fisher & Miller's Colony on the 23rd day of August, 1851, to Henry Fisher and Burchard Miller. While the old maps refer to the creek as Howard's Creek, it was later known as Las Moras; the name meaning Mulberry in Spanish. The stream was also referred to as Lost Morriss after at Ft. McKavett soldier by that name who disappeared in that vicinity while on a scouting expedition.

The "Southern and Western Texas Guide" by Granger in 1878 had this to say on page 187 in the chapter on Stock Raising and Sheep Husbandry: "At the head of the beautiful Las Moras Creek, is situated what known as 'King Carlin's Rancho.' His estate consists of 30,000 acres of splendid rolling prairie in one body, 30,000 sheep, and a rock palace which is perhaps the finest residence in Western Texas. He came from France only two years ago and his possessions cover the Las Moras from source to mouth, with frontage of five miles on the San

Saba River. His wool clip averages 3½ pounds to the fleece and his stock of sheep is being graded up by the best blooded importations. His product of wool is perhaps the largest of any one individual in Texas and he has in contemplation the building of large woollen manufactories at an early date for the purpose of working into fabrics the staple that is grown in Western Texas. It is well to state that he proposes to give employment and a home to large numbers of the poor women of his native city and build about him a prosperity and wealth of comfort that never could be reached in Europe in that particular industry."

Tragically enough, at the time this quotation was published, the dream bubble was already showing signs of bursting—in a little over two years, by extravagant spending and lavish living, Carlin's money and credit had disappeared (with not even a drouth or depression to blame it on). There were two stories as to where this money came from. One was that Carlin ran a corner on wheat in the grain exchange (Bourse they call it) and then ran out on them and had to leave the country to keep from being mobbed. According to Mrs. Mary Ogden, it was her understanding that Carlin had managed to have his wife locked into an asylum so that he could flee with her money.

Palatial Ranch Headquarters

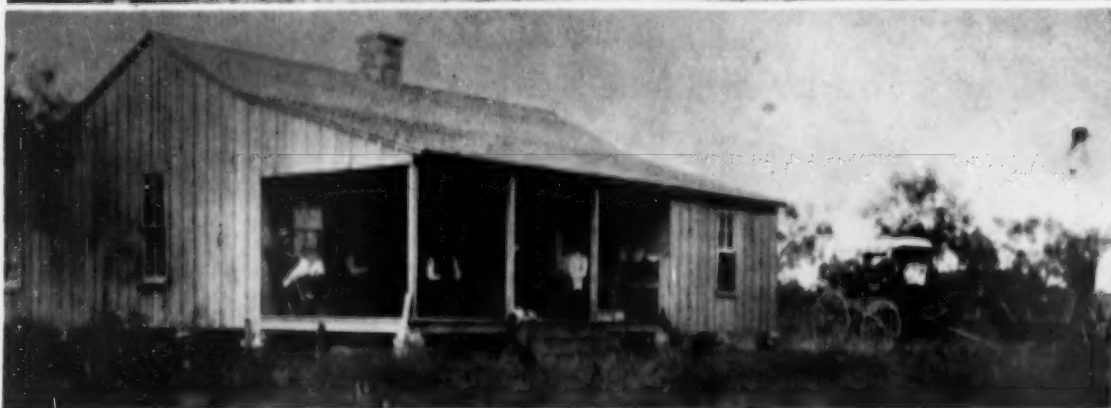
At any rate, he was a vain and cocky little banty rooster of a "Beau Brummel" and sought wealthy and worthwhile people to hob-nob with and to have on his "Domaine." His ranch headquarters were imposing on a prominent hill and the huge house could be seen for 15 miles in all four directions. The lumber was hauled by wagon from Austin. The main house was an enormous rectangular affair, high-ceilinged, covered porch all

LAS MORAS RANCH HOUSE

Front view of Las Moras ranch house—looking east. It was built in 1877 by Ernest Carlin. The rock doorstep was placed there in 1889 by L. H. Runge. Julius Kaufmann of Galveston, reading paper; Louis H. Runge, sitting against window, 1/3 owner and manager; Mrs. L. H. (Anna Foche) Runge, in chair; Julius Runge of Galveston, cousin and brother-in-law of L. H. Runge; George Runge, son of Julius Runge. Ranch at time of picture (1889) comprised about 106,000 acres—25,000 sheep and 8,000 steer yearlings.

HEADQUARTERS

Headquarters for cattle department of Las Moras Ranch on Elm Creek northeast of headquarters and near center of 64,000-acre "River Pasture."





SHEEP

Flock of ewes and lambs that watered at Saline Creek. Mexican sheep herder in front of team; Ben Cole, sheep rustler (man who kept two or three herders in provisions, helped move camp, build brush pens and return sheep that strayed from flock). These were naked legged, open-faced, thin bellied, smooth sheep, shearing from three to four pounds.



ERNEST CARLIN (FRENCHMAN)
Of Las Moras Ranch in Early Days

around, with a cupola on top, with 16 large rooms, wide halls and a cellar beneath. About 50 feet west was another large two-story building called the kitchen where the meals were prepared and the house help stayed. The whole was arranged around a quadrangle with the house, kitchen and other buildings on the south, with the barn, blacksmith shop, buggy sheds, smoke house, commissary and store room and foreman's quarters on the north side. All very grand and impres-

sive for those days, especially for a little boy five or six years old, as Fred Ellis tells of his first sight of the big layout: "like most children of those times, he hadn't been around much but town meant a bag of candy, so as he, with his family, came in sight of the "King's Rancho" he begged them to stop and get him a bag of candy and could hardly be convinced that as huge an outfit as that was not a town."

Horse trading and Fencing With Skunks

Being an eccentric foreigner, the natives naturally noted every quirk. Mr. Ernest A. Nimitz of San Angelo, once told that one of his cousins was operating a little store in Fredericksburg and drove a pretty matched team of gray ponies to his delivery wagon that would have sold well at \$70.00 for the pair. When Carlin spied them he immediately approached the owner and asked what it would take to buy them, to which the horse trader replied \$250.00. When the buyer asked without further haggling, "Do you want your check on Galveston or New Orleans," it left him speechless until Carlin went off and then the dumb-founded seller exclaimed what a fool he had been for not asking \$300.00—that the man would have paid that as easily as he did the \$250.00. There were many Frenchmen in and out there at the ranch, but Mr. Steve

Dunston got a good chuckle telling about a fat one that delighted in keeping in fencing practice by going out in the pasture with his rapier and trying his thrusts and parries on small animals. On one of these jaunts he met a little striped animal coming loping toward him and carefully took his stance — this little kitty paid no attention to the gesticulations of the swordsman until touched by the rapier and then there was plenty action—the first discharge hit the astounded Frenchman full in the face and of all the dancing, spitting, coughing and vomiting took place right there.

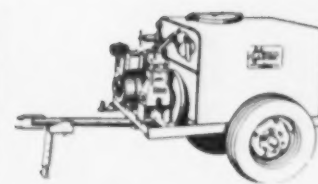
Turkey "Boozard"

In the Spring of 1877 while in Austin, Carlin threw a big picnic south of town on Onion Creek, inviting the influential and wealthy. Harvey North said it looked like an advertising dodge to try to sell stock. It was here that the Ogden family and Carlin came into contact. Mrs. Ogden and her children were visiting the James H. Raymonds, the biggest bankers in town, and that greatly impressed Carlin and since he thought Mrs. Ogden rich, and her son a clever young man, he made arrangements with them to come out to the ranch as he wanted "worthwhile people around him." Mrs. Millette, daughter of Mrs. Mary Ogden, wrote that "almost at once Carlin had gathered important men around him and was given the right-of-way in many banks." Shortly after establishing himself on the ranch, Carlin was inviting some guests to eat dinner with him. To make the invitation more attractive he emphasized that this was to be a special dinner — a turkey dinner — the piece de resistance was to be a turkey "boozard."

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Las Moras Ranch

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The Household

After the completion of the big house and kitchen in the Summer of 1877, his household comprised his French secretary and wife, several other single Frenchmen, 2 other couples, Mr. Wm. North (Carlin's legal adviser), wife and two children, Supt. George North, John North. (Norths spoke fluent French so Carlin had use for all of them) and then there was Mrs. Ogden with her son and two daughters. Mrs. Ogden had her own furniture, including piano, and hired a tutor from Raleigh, N. C., named R. Straughn Jones to teach her two girls, Cora and Evelyn, and also invited their friend, Alice Whittier Vaughn to share the schooling. Whitty Vaughn lived with her parents at Coleman Springs near the head of Elm Creek only five miles distant. (She married James Levi Noguess in November, 1879, and just died this past September at 90 years of age.) Mrs. Noguess told us that the first imported kitchen help was good but that they soon became disgusted with conditions and left—thereafter they hired just whatever native help they could get and when in the spring Mrs. Vaughn came over and saw the state of affairs in the kitchen she took her daughter back home. No screens on houses in those days!

Although there were 20 or more people in the large barn of a house, there was plenty extra room upstairs for the whole bunch (except Carlin himself who never entered in) to gather in the evenings to play games and dance to the piano playing of Cora Ogden and Wm. North (Cora Ogden later married Taylor Wilson, whose son, Ogden Wilson, now lives on the Ogden ranch west of Fort McKavett). Rumor had it that Carlin arranged for his mistress to come over under the guise as wife of one of his retinue. Then later, when Mrs. Carlin appeared, someone else married the former. Mrs. Carlin was a devout Catholic and it was told that when her maid was married by a justice of the peace, Mrs. Carlin did not consider this legal according to her book and locked up the bride for two weeks until a priest arrived from San Antonio and tied the knot in the right way.

Horse Race

Mrs. Millette (Baby Ogden) told about the time Carlin planned a horse race for the ladies and promised to give a diamond studded watch to the winner. Everybody at the ranch had a horse—Cora's was named "Ginger," Baby had a bay named "Treadwell" and Whitty's horse was a sorrel named "Flaxie." Since Carlin furnished what he thought was the best horse to his favorite lady, he presumed everything was fixed. However, John North's nose was out of joint over the deal so he mounted Baby on his horse and when she won the race she did not get the jeweled watch but a cotton handkerchief with a pink border instead.

A Sheep Outfit

This ranch was established strictly as a sheep outfit. In the hope of adding size to the native Mexico ewes and more length to their wool, several carloads of Cotswold rams were shipped to Austin and trailed from there to Menard County. Of all the many tales told on the foreigner there never was much said about the business end of the enterprise. The only story along this line was that he had set up three men each with 5,000 ewes that they were to see after and at the expiration of 5 years they would get half the increase. However, the bubble lasted hardly half that long and when the crash came, D. C. Ogden, being the only one with a written contract, got his percentage while John North and Begnoit lost out.

What few native children saw these strange people were very much concerned that the two couples were so mismatched for sizes — thought they ought to swap about. Ernest Carlin was a very small man and Mrs. Carlin a very large and heavy woman, in Harvey North's eyes, a very comical looking couple. On the other hand, Geo. North was very tall, at six feet three, whereas Mrs. North was short and tiny.

From what I can gather, the Ogden's left Las Moras in the Spring of 1878, and the Carlins left soon after. Wm. North and family returned to Austin and Geo. North was left in charge. Then the parents of the Norths and their teenage brother, Harvey C., came out from Austin. Harvey North wrote in 1939 that the elder North died in the big house in May, 1881, and while one of the hands drove to McKavett, a distance of 22 miles, to get a coffin and rough box, his mother embalmed the corpse by rubbing it with salt and vinegar. Then one of the sons and one of the

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hands drove four days and nights, changing teams when they could, until they got to Austin. Henry VanderStucken verified that story, adding that he remembered they hung a lantern on the front of the dash at night to aid in seeing the road. From Austin, Wm. North accompanied the remains by rail to New London, Connecticut.

As I remembered the story from my father, Carlin had been allowed to draw on the firm of Kaufman and Runge of Galveston. This went on with everything going out and nothing coming back until the indebtedness had reached the then huge total of \$75,000.00. The debtors were notified that this obligation would have to be reduced or suit for foreclosure would have to be instituted. Since there was no response from the defendants, this action was taken but I have no record just when it was done. However, the Menard County Deed Records show that on December 21, 1879, Ernest Carlin transfer-

red Section No. 448 (Hdgrs. Section) and others to the Las Moras Rancho Co. So that is how my family got into the ranch business. The Company consisted of brothers, Henry J. and Louis H. Runge, 1/3 interest each; their mother, Mrs. Julia Runge, 1/6 interest, and Walter Tips, 1/6 interest. (Mrs. Tips was a cousin of the brothers). George North was retained as manager.

The San Angelo Standard in November, 1887, published a copy of a letter received by Emil VanderStucken announcing that on November 8, 1887, 53-year-old Ernest Carlin had killed himself by a shot in his heart after his suicide threat had backfired and his 22-year-old companion vocalist, Jane Hure, with whom he had been living in London, had died from swallowing prussic acid. The coroner's jury in both cases returned a verdict of "suicide while of unsound mind."

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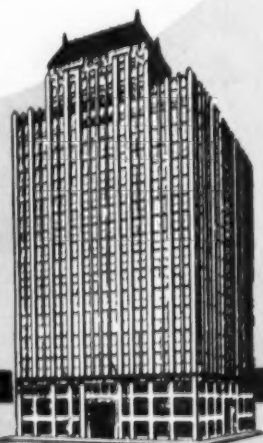
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IKE'S VETO of the farm bill upset some support prices already announced for this year, and established others. The chief executive, generally, raised supports above where they would have been otherwise under the present law . . . and kept them below the point where Congress had voted them in the legislation rejected by the White House.

Dairy supports are one thing upon which the Congress and the President finally agreed. In his veto message, the President put support for factory milk in the current marketing year (which started April 1) at \$3.25 and for butter at 58.6c per pound. Presidential action forced adjustment upward in levels that already had been established by Secretary Benson at \$3.15 for milk and 56.2c for butter.

Wheat floor will be at \$2 per bushel as directed by Ike compared with an earlier floor of \$1.81 established by the Secretary. The farm bill passed by Congress would have required 90% props or about \$2.27 per bushel.

Corn floor was raised from \$1.40 in commercial areas, as set by USDA, to \$1.50 per bushel in the Presidential veto message. Support in non-commercial area will be about \$1.12.

Out for this year as a result of the veto are restoration of 90% supports for cotton, rice, corn, peanuts, and wheat . . . also dual parity which would have meant still higher dollar-cent floors. USDA economists figure these two features of the rejected bill would have cost the government more than \$1 billion. About half that amount is the estimated cost of President Eisenhower's action jacking up supports.

Proposal for advance payment on the soil bank was the surprise feature of the Eisenhower action. The idea would be to give farmers this year part payment (about 50%) if they agree to bank acres next year. Proposal has aroused outraged cries of politics from Administration critics on Capitol Hill. Whether the Congress would approve separate soil-bank legislation—including the advance-payment feature—was not known at press time.

The Eisenhower Administration is of the opinion that up to \$½ billion in soil-bank payments could be made yet this year. Growers of all crops, planted either this fall or next year, would be eligible to contract for "banking" acres in either the Acreage Reserve or Conservation Reserve. Immediately after July 1, said the President, farmers who agree to participate, "will be eligible for payments." Such payments, he added, will enable growers "to contract for delivery of seeds and trees and for rental or purchases of implements . . ."

A broader small-watershed program looks to have a better chance than a while back. It had been tied up in the House Ways and Means Committee until conservation interests turned up the pressure. However, it has since been reported out to the House . . . and may get final action at this session. The proposed bill, HR 8750, introduced by Rep. Bob Poage of Texas, would liberalize financing for local groups and open up the act to permit construction of additional facilities.

All farm hands here are agreed that the long-term health of U. S. agriculture depends in large measure on at least maintaining what export markets we now have abroad. It has been said that \$1 in sales to other nations is worth \$5 to farmers in terms of the strengthening of home markets. Most recent figures from USDA illustrate an important point about exports, say officials: You've got to run hard to stay in the same place.

Despite strenuous efforts of the past months . . . and many special government programs to increase the sales abroad . . . total exports of U. S. farm products are running about the same as a year ago. During the first eight months, July-February, 1955-56 USDA reports the value of farm sales abroad amounted to just about the same as for the same eight months of the previous year. The figure is about \$2,100,000,000 for both periods.

There was this on the bright side: Exports in every category of farm product have been on the increase in recent months, with the exception of cotton. Sharp drops in cotton shipments have been enough to offset the gains in other commodities.

Pick-up has been strong in shipment of commodities important to livestock men. Livestock-product sales during the period in question went up to more than \$350 million from \$300 million. Included in the "livestock product" category of exports are not only meats and lard, but also animal fats, grease, hides and skins, tallow and wool.

"In the months ahead," says Jack Drisko, director of USDA's livestock and Meat Products Division in the Foreign Agriculture Service, "We expect to make further gains in selling livestock products to foreign nations."

"For instance," he added, "we have sold very little beef before this year, but now we are doing pretty well in that department."

Government program helping out most to increase exports is probably Public Law 480. Heart of this legislation is its provision to allow payment for U. S. farm products in foreign currencies. Nations without dollars to spare are thus enabled to buy our goods with their own money—which the U. S. government converts into

dollars for private traders of this country. Foreign currency held by us is mostly spent on various U. S. programs abroad . . . for defense, economic assistance to allies, etc.

Arrangements made thus far in this calendar year for sale of U. S. livestock products under law 480, says Drisko, includes these items: To Brazil, Chile, Yugoslavia, and Austria, \$15.6 million worth of lard; to Israel and Chile, \$13.7 million worth of beef; to Spain and Korea \$11.4 million worth of hams and other pork; to Spain and Chile, \$1.6 million worth of tallow.

Such figures as the above do not include sales "outside of law 480," Drisko explains, "and of course lots of stuff is being sold outside of that program."

Hearings are set for May 16-17 on Capitol Hill on legislation that could save farmers millions of dollars annually in transportation costs. Bill to be up for airing before the House Interstate Foreign Commerce Committee is trip-lease legislation, already passed by the Senate. The bill would prevent the government's Interstate Commerce Commission from limiting rights of farmers and farm groups to lease trucks for back hauls. Such limitations have been ordered by ICC, but application of the order postponed due to strong protests from farm organizations. The proposed bill would fix into the law agriculture's trip-lease rights.

Government purchase of pork and lard has been halted "until further notice" due to the pickup in hog prices. Weekly deliveries are to be made through May, but USDA discontinued offers to buy in early April. During the purchase program that started last mid-November, the department bought about 200 million pounds of pork and lard at a cost of \$102.5 million. As the department ceased buying, the American Meat Institute pointed out that hog prices had increased "an average of 40 percent," in the preceding three months.

Arthur Barlemann, Jr., for two years assistant Tom Green County Agent, will succeed Fred Campbell as Sterling County Agent on June 1. Campbell is resigning to study for a Master's degree in wool at the University of Wyoming.

A sale of 230,000 pounds of eight months wool at 51½ to 53 cents a pound was announced in mid-April by the Producers Wool and Mohair Company, Del Rio.

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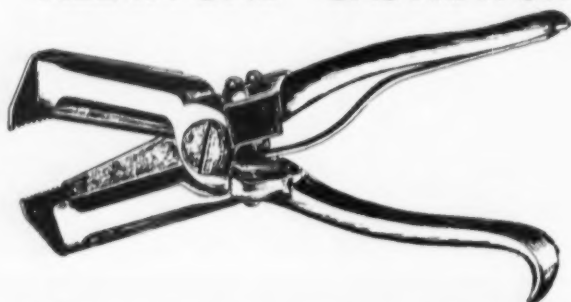
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A barbecue lunch will be served by the Sutton County 4-H Club, followed by a short program. Following the program, a tour of the range project on the Station will be arranged for those who are interested.

PROGRAM

Dr. George Sidwell—Some results of using high-producing rams on low-grade ewes.

Dr. R. D. Turk—Parasitic Diseases.

Dr. W. T. Hardy—Current status of blue-tongue research.

Maurice Shelton—The value of the information obtained in performance testing of rams.

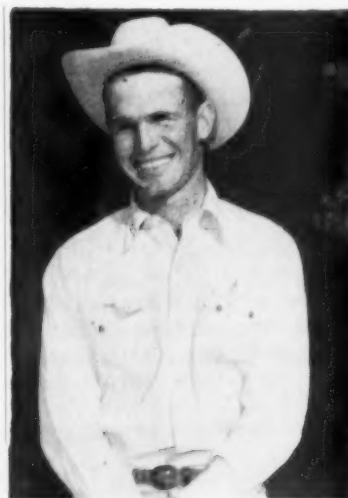
Leo Merrill — Highlights of the range management study. (Followed by a tour of the work on the station for those free to make the tour)

About the speakers:

Dr. George Sidwell is Animal Husbandman with the Agricultural Research Service of the United States Department of Agriculture, located at the Fort Wingate Station in New Mexico.

Dr. R. D. Turk is Head of the Department of Parasitology of the School of Veterinary Medicine, Texas A. & M. College.

Dr. W. T. Hardy, Maurice Shelton and Leo Merrill are, respectively, Superintendent, Assistant Animal Husbandman and Range Specialist with the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, Substation No. 14, Sonora.



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ONE OF the newer Rambouillet breeders of Texas is Robert Huckaby of Fort Stockton. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Huckaby. Mr. Huckaby is Superintendent of the Public Schools of that city.

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which he is running on his ranch about 27 miles west of Sheffield.

Also in the family is another enthusiastic lover of Rambouillet sheep, Claudel Owens Huckaby, Robert's wife, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Owens of Fort Stockton. The Owens family has a long history in the raising of quality Rambouillets. Claude Owens is the breeder of most of the sheep in the Huckaby flock.

Robert is quite optimistic about the future of the registered Rambouillet business and believes that he will get started this year in the selling end of the game as he has a few ram lambs on hand now for sale.

SAD, BUT TRUE

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SHEEP AND LAMB MARKETINGS SHOW SEASONAL INCREASE

MARKETINGS of sheep and lambs increased seasonally in Texas during April. Prices generally looked stronger in line with rising prices of cattle and hogs, the Agricultural Marketing Service reported.

Around 79,000 sheep and lambs were marketed at San Antonio and Fort Worth from April 1-20. Receipts were not only 30% larger than the same 20 days the month before, but were also the largest for any similar period since last June. However, the run fell 16% short of a year ago.

Supplies of spring lambs were relatively scarce at San Antonio. Old-crop shorn lambs predominated, with a big percentage of these in stocker and feeder flesh. Only a sprinkling of aged sheep were offered at most sessions.

Receipts at Fort Worth were comprised largely of about 40 to 50% old-crop lambs, most of which were shorn. Springers accounted for about 40% of the run; aged sheep, mostly ewes, the balance of receipts.

Quality of lambs was down somewhat from the previous month at both yards. In fact, over half of the run graded low-good or below at Fort Worth.

Pricewise, most classes of sheep and lambs found a steady to higher market for the month as a whole, although a few of the lower quality offerings sold lower. Unevenness in live markets partly reflected the mixed trend in dressed lamb at major wholesale centers, where prices were one to mostly two cents per pound higher in Chicago and steady to one cent lower in New York.

Spring slaughter lambs on April 20 stood 50c to \$1 higher than March's close at Fort Worth and steady to \$1 higher at San Antonio. Good and choice lots brought \$19 to \$21 per cwt. at Fort Worth and \$18 to \$20, spots \$20.50 at San Antonio. Utility and good grades made \$16 to \$18.50 at Fort Worth and \$14 to \$17.50 at San Antonio. Culls moved as low as \$12 to \$15 at Fort Worth.

Woolled old-crop lambs were scarce at both yards. Most shorn old-crop lambs ruled steady to 50c higher for the month at Fort Worth, but cull offerings were down \$1. Shorn lambs looked steady to unevenly 25c, 50c and \$1 lower at San Antonio, with the sharpest loss on culls. Fort Worth moved good and choice No. 1 and 2 pelt old-crop shorn lambs at \$17.50 to \$18.50; good and choice fresh

shorn and No. 3 pelt lambs, at \$15.50 to \$16.50; and cull and utility clipper, at \$10 to \$15. San Antonio turned good and choice No. 2 and 3 pelt offerings at \$15 to \$17; cull and utility sorts, at \$9 to \$13.50.

Slaughter wethers were in relatively small supply. A few shorn aged lots sold steady at \$12 down at Fort Worth. Utility and good shorn lots were 50c higher to 50c lower at \$8 to \$11, with a few to \$12, at San Antonio.

Slaughter ewes held steady for the month at Fort Worth and closed steady to 50c higher at San Antonio. Cull to good shorn offerings tipped the scales at \$4.50 to \$6 at Fort Worth; \$4.50 to \$6.50 at San Antonio.

Although the percentage of lambs suitable for stocker purposes increased, outlets were fairly dependable and prices were steady to 50c higher at Fort Worth and steady to \$1 higher at San Antonio. Old-crop shorn stocker and feeder lambs left both yards around April 20 in a range of \$11 to \$14. Spring stockers brought \$15.50 down at Fort Worth, while none were quoted at San Antonio.

Meanwhile, AMS said goat receipts at San Antonio from April 1-20 were estimated at about 6300 head. This was 10% larger than the same period in March and 60% larger than a year ago.

Receipts were fairly well mixed during the month, but mature slaughter kinds predominated at most sessions. Prices held steady at \$5 to \$6 per cwt. on common and good Spanish type and shorn Angora slaughter goats, with a few sales up to \$6.50. Cull nannies sold down to \$4.

Slaughter kid goats bulked at \$3 to \$4 per head, with extreme lightweights down to \$2.25 each, or 25c to 50c lower.

Elsewhere in the Texas livestock picture, hog prices turned higher following advances of 2 to 4c per pound in fresh pork at wholesale centers. Butchers closed April 20, mostly 50c above the March finish at both San Antonio and Fort Worth. Sows wound up steady to 50c higher at Fort Worth and 50c to \$1 higher at San Antonio. Closing sales of mixed U. S. 1, 2 and 3 grade medium weight butcher hogs stood at mostly \$15.50 per cwt. at Fort Worth and \$15 at San Antonio. Sows ranged from \$9.50 to \$12 at Fort Worth and from \$10 to \$13 at San Antonio.

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This registered Corriedale ewe, bred by Schreiner Institute, was the grand champion Corriedale at the Houston Fat Stock Show and the San Antonio Livestock Exposition in 1956. Pictured with the ewe are: Left to right, kneeling, Lynn Watson and Henry Munk. Standing: Don Lipscomb, Donnie White, Herman Northrup, and Jim Robinson holding the ewe. All are students of Schreiner Institute, majoring in Agriculture.

Texas Corriedale Association Plans Sale in Goldthwaite

THE TEXAS Corriedale Association will hold its ninth annual show and sale in Goldthwaite, Texas, on May 26, 1956.

The annual event is sponsored by Texas breeders and only Texas-bred sheep will be sold. Sales sheets will be available the day of the sale.

About 100 head of rams and ewes will go through the auction ring. Lem Jones, one of the outstanding auctioneers in the state, will conduct the sale. Jim Gray, sheep and goat specialist, will sift the sheep and designate the stud animals. For the benefit of small flock owners, most of the animals will be sold as singles. All

entries, with the exception of lambs, must have been shorn after January 1, 1956. The breeders passed this rule last year so the buyers could get a better view of body conformation. The fleece will have enough growth to determine its quality.

The association is looking forward to one of its most successful sales since the Corriedale crossbred wool has been bringing a premium on the market, especially on a graded basis.

The breeders could not supply the demand last year. Prospective buyers are urged to buy their rams early this year, as the same situation will probably exist again.



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These registered Corriedale ewes were donated to Schreiner Institute by several Texas Corriedale breeders. There are nine ewes with fourteen lambs, the champion ewe which has not lambed to date, and a stud ram.

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Dr. Gerald W. Thomas, College Station, has been appointed Coordinator for research conducted by the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station in West Texas. In this new job, Dr. Thomas will analyze problems of and needs for research in West Texas agriculture.

The Lochte Storage Company, Fredericksburg, sold about 50,000

pounds of mohair, the Uvalde Wool and Mohair Company about 50,000 pounds and the Uvalde Producers about 10,000 pounds. The latter purchase was of kid hair.

Fred Horner of Uvalde reported the latter part of April the sale of around 200,000 pounds of mohair at 86½ and 96½ cents a pound. He reported that no wool had been sold.

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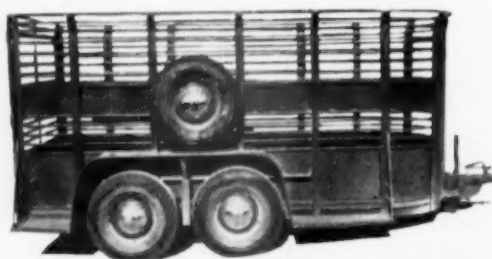
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BROWNWOOD GREETING

George Jordan, Manager of the Chamber of Commerce, Brownwood, greets Mrs. Ammie E. Wilson, Plano, President of the Purebred Sheep Breeders Association, as the organization gathers for its pre-sale banquet, April 27.

YOUNG FOLK

Many young folk are interested in the sheep business and here is a group of young married people who are becoming leaders in the registered business. On the left are Mr. and Mrs. Bill Noll, Boerne, with their son, Wayne. Mr. Noll is Assistant Manager of the Seven-Eleven Ranch, which raises registered Columbia sheep. Next are Gene and Barbara Tongate. Mr. Tongate is studying at Texas A. & M. College and is the son of Louis Tongate, Brooksmith, Texas. Next are Mr. and Mrs. Wade Thomason of Brownwood. Mr. Thomason is raising registered Rambouillet sheep.

MAYER BUYS SUFFOLKS

Shown here are Suffolks bought by Sol Mayer at the Brownwood sale from various breeders. In the center, being held by Herman Walker, is the top Suffolk of the sale. From left to right are Glynn Sanders, Ed S. Mayer, Jr., Herman Walker, Bobby Mayer and Roger Sanders, Mullin, who is breeder of the top ram.

C. M. Ulmer of Stephenville ranches some 16 miles north of that city on a 6,000-acre ranch which he said is pretty dry but is nevertheless in better shape than it was this time last year. He ranches near Ed S. Mayer, Jr., who has the 7,000-acre old Cage ranch. This country had about two inches of rain in April but is still in need of rain.

Ulmer contracted 12,000 fleeces of his 1956 wool to C. D. Martin of Granbury at 50c a pound.

Feed and grazing cost the ranchman the largest cash output, building improvements next, followed by livestock purchases.

James R. Gray, Agricultural Economist, U.S.D.A., recently summarized a survey of Southwestern cattle ranches. He pointed out that the net ranch income on Southwestern cattle ranches reached a peak of about \$9,200 in 1950-51. 1940 assets of the ranch were valued at \$36,000. Ten years later the value reached \$155,000, of which 69 percent to 80 percent was in real estate.

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Proposed Auxiliary Amendments

IT IS herewith recommended that the Constitution and By-Laws of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Texas Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association be changed as follows:

1. Article IV. Section 1—Part A. Delete the word "secretary."

2. Article IV. Section 2—Part B. Delete the word "secretary."

3. Article IV. Section 2—Part B. In the last sentence delete the words "of all back dues" and substitute therefor the words "current dues."

4. Article V. Delete the words "Recording Secretary" in Part D, and the word "Corresponding" in Part E, thus changing the office of Recording Secretary-Treasurer to Treasurer and the office of Corresponding Secretary to Secretary.

5. Article VI. Section 2. Insert this sentence "The Vice-President shall also serve as program chairman."

6. Article VI. Section 3. To the sentence "The Second Vice-President shall perform all the duties of the Vice-President in her absence," add this phrase "and shall also serve as membership chairman."

7. Article VI. Section 4. Delete the words "Recording" and "Treasurer" from "Recording Secretary-Treasurer" in the first sentence.

8. Article VI. Section 4. The first sentence, as recommended changed in number 5, placed in Section 5 of Article VI, which states the duties of the Secretary.

9. Article VI. Section 4. Insert

these sentences in Section 4, which state the duties of the Treasurer: "At the first quarterly state meeting of the Auxiliary the Treasurer shall designate in her report the bank in which the account has been placed. The Treasurer shall also be responsible for purchasing the President's pin which shall be presented to the President at the annual meeting."

10. Article VI. Section 5. Delete the word "Corresponding" from "Corresponding Secretary."

11. Article VII. Section 2. Delete the words "Recording Secretary" and "Corresponding."

12. Article X. Section 1. Delete the committee "Membership" and insert "Education."

The American Conditioning House, Inc. of Texas has set in operation a wool testing laboratory at 130-132 East Avenue B in San Angelo, managed by Frank Tillman, who is vice-president of the Boston, Massachusetts, organization. Herbert J. Wollner is president and Ken Gopin is manager of the Boston laboratory, at 11 Melcher Street. Both have aided in the setting up of the San Angelo laboratory.

The Colonial Wool Company, through its representative, George Allison of San Angelo, made a mid-April purchase of half-a-car of eight-month wool from the Joe Blakeney Warehouse, San Angelo, at 49 cents.

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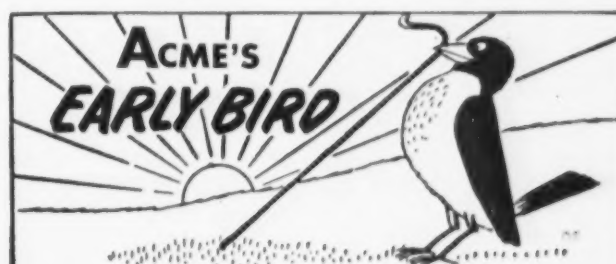
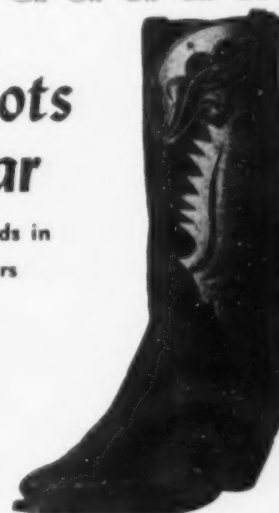
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DROUTH

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prevents the surface from crusting and eroding, assists in soaking up rains, and reduces evaporation losses. Research of the Soil Conservation Service

shows that it takes about 1500 to 2000 pounds of vegetation to adequately protect the surface.

Some ranchers say that they can't afford to leave any grass or cover on the range. Consider this a minute. The last ton of vegetation on a range generally consists of the lower stems, and decaying leaves and other parts of the plants. This is very low in digest-

ible nutrients and really has little feed value. Yet this ton of litter can serve as a cover, absorbing rains and holding moisture so that several tons of good forage can be produced. The forage produced will be worth many times the value of the ton of litter on the ground as feed. Really, the rancher can not afford to remove the litter!

Stocking on Basis of "Bad" Years

There are several ways that a livestock operator may adjust his business in order to take care of drouth. One way is to maintain a permanent herd based on the forage produced in the dry years, and not the good year.

The average annual rainfall for San Angelo for the past 30 years is about 19.83 inches. But in 28, or 55%, of the years rainfall was below the average. This means that if you stock on the basis of that "good" year, you will run short of forage in more than one out of every two years, and the shortage will most likely have to be made up with high-priced feeds, or by removing sorely needed litter on the ground. However, if you maintain a permanent herd on the basis of the forage produced in a 16-inch year, forage shortage will occur only in 40% of the years.

With this stocking plan, the extra forage produced in the good years can be utilized to improve the range, or by carrying over or purchasing lambs or calves. These extra animals could be quickly removed if weather took a turn for the worse, as it too often does in West Texas, as rainfall records so clearly show.

Maintaining a supply of reserve forage is an extra insurance against drouth. Those fortunate to have cultivated fields can put up reserves as bundle feed or ensilage in the good years, to be used during drouth. Other ranchers rest a part of their range each year. Besides enabling the grasses to improve, the rested pasture or pastures can always supply a reserve of forage when the rains fail to come.

Supplementary feeds can always be purchased to assist in carrying through a drouth. However, they should be utilized in a manner to protect the native ranges, rather than a means of getting the livestock to remove the last vestige of vegetation that remains on the drouth-parched ranges. That cover of litter, of little value as forage, can be the means of ending the drouth. Removing it may mean that the rains will be wasted and the drouth continues unchecked.

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Minutes of First Quarterly Meeting Of Woman's Auxiliary

BANDERA, TEXAS, MARCH 24, 1956

THE FIRST quarterly meeting of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association was held in Bandera at The Lost Valley Resort Ranch on March 24, 1956, at 10 A.M.

The meeting was preceded by a coffee. Miss Nancy Bryan Hunt of Sonora, Texas, "Miss Mohair," for 1956, modeled her lovely all-mohair coronation gown; Miss Jan Turbeville, "Miss Wool," for 1956, modeled four of her all-wool spring ensembles by Marion McCoy, Ardee, Arthur-Weiss and Al Goodman, also her lovely all-wool coronation gown by Nathanson. Mrs. Adolf Stieler was commentator.

The President, Mrs. E. S. Mayer, called the meeting to order.

The invocation was given by Mrs. Ashley Rugh of Bandera. The address of welcome was given by Mrs. Raymond Hicks of Bandera. Mrs. R. R. Coreth of New Braunfels gave the response.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Communications were as follows:

A note of thanks was read from Mrs. Lloyd Herring, past president, expressing her appreciation for the lovely president's pin.

Two letters were read from the B. C. D. office in San Angelo, concerning rules, regulations and expenditures for the "Miss Wool" show for 1957.

A letter was read from Ernest Williams, executive secretary of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association to J. M. (Casey) Jones, executive secretary of the Sheep Producers Council asking them to consider putting the "Miss Wool" contest in all the sheep producing states.

Regrets were received from Mrs. Walter Pfluger, Mrs. Herman Saenger, and Mrs. Jack Taylor.

Reports of officers were as follows:

The Treasurer, Mrs. M. L. Stone, reported:

The minutes of the Advisory Board meeting of March 23, 1956, were read. Recommendations made by the Advisory Board were as follows:

That Mrs. T. A. Kincaid, Jr., resign as Historian and accept appointment as Secretary.

That Mrs. Jack Taylor of San Angelo be appointed as Historian.

That Mrs. R. R. Walston be given more stationery and stamps to continue her work.

That Mrs. James Baggett of Ozona continue the educational work through the Board of Education for better clarification of wool, mohair and sheep industry in the textbooks for American youth.

A motion was made and duly seconded that the above recommendations be accepted. Motion carried.

The parliamentarian, Mrs. Felix Real, made her recommendations for the corrections of the present constitution and by-laws.

A motion was made and duly seconded that the Woman's Auxiliary have a new book printed containing the constitution and by-laws and that the revisions committee be given this authority. Motion carried.

A motion was made and duly seconded that the Woman's Auxiliary

again give the \$50.00 certificate award to the winner of the best wool garment in Texas 4-H dress revue. Motion carried.

A motion was made by Mrs. R. F. Spencer, duly seconded that the Auxiliary print yearbooks listing the members, officers and activities of the organization. A motion to table this motion was made by Mrs. H. K. Fawcett duly seconded. Motion carried.

Reports of committees are as follows:

Mrs. John Alexander, co-chairman of Wool Promotion, read the report of chairman, Mrs. Lloyd Herring, which was very informative.

Mrs. James Baggett, education chairman, gave an interesting report on work started by her committee.

Mrs. Stanton Bundy, publicity chairman, suggested that the car secured for "Miss Wool" be upholstered in wool or mohair.

Mrs. R. R. Walston, finance chairman, gave an interesting report and

encouraged all to use lamb stickers on their envelopes.

Mrs. G. A. Glimp, lamb promotion chairman, gave an interesting report on the activities of her committee.

Mrs. George Holekamp, president of the Hill County Chapter, gave a report on their activities and joined Mrs. Felix Real in urging all to attend the Kerr County Centennial in April.

Mrs. W. S. Orr, resolutions chairman, read her report thanking the Bandera citizens for an enjoyable time.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted
Mrs. T. A. Kincaid, Jr.
Secretary
Mrs. E. S. Mayer
President

RESOLUTION

The Resolutions Committee submit the following:

"Thanks and appreciation are extended to all the folks in Bandera who helped to make this meeting possible:

"To Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wyatt,

"To Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hicks,

"To Mr. and Mrs. Allie Allsup—for their contributions.

"To the Bandera High School and the Home Demonstration Council for the meeting place and delicious luncheon.

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WOMEN'S AUXILIARY LEADERS AT
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Auxiliary ladies enjoy good meeting at Bandera. Shown are: (left to right) Mrs. T. A. Kincaid, Jr., Ozona; Mrs. E. S. Mayer, Sonora; Mrs. M. L. Stone, Talpa.

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INSPECTING LAMBS

In the center is Tom Davis, with the Shirley Livestock Commission Company, Fort Worth, and Clyde Glimp, Lometa, inspecting the lambs.

COMMITTEE

Cecil McCoury, C. Snell and Clyde Glimp, committee for the Commercial Lamb Feeder Show at Lampasas, March 10.

MEETING WITH McCORD

Officials of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association met with the sheep growers of Lampasas County. J. B. McCord, president, is standing. He addressed the meeting with a word about the organization.

Lampasas County Lamb Show

SOME 34 4-H and F.F.A. boys and girls of Lampasas County showed 500 lambs at the annual commercial Feeder Lamb Show held recently there. These lambs were fed under the supervision of Don Callahan, County Agent; Jack Lacy, Lampasas Vocational Agricultural instructor, and T. H. Head, Vocational Agricultural instructor of Lometa.

This is the third year this program has been carried out, and the interest in the program is increasing each year as is evidenced this year by the number of lambs fed and finished. When this program began, some 210 lambs were fed, and this has been stepped up to the 500 mark and over, as some of the lambs finished out and were marketed before show day.

Further indication of progress in the program is indicated by the interest shown by the Chamber of Commerce, business men, farmers and ranchers. Two years ago, a luncheon for the ranchmen, businessmen, boys and girls was held with some 40 persons in attendance. This year, a luncheon featuring lamb was held and around 175 people were present.

The program carried out following the luncheon was three-fold: First, to encourage the boys and girls in carrying out their program; second, to encourage more people to eat

lamb and include it in their diet more. The third, to give the people an opportunity to know more about the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association. J. B. McCord, president of the Association, and executive secretary, Ernest Williams, were present to give informative talks on the functions and objectives of the Association. Both were very complimentary as to quality and types of lambs the boys and girls had chosen and could see a distinct improvement over the program from last year. Each was high in praise for this type of program and encouraged more people to give it support. Mr. McCord gave a brief outline of some of the contemplated functions of the newly formed ASPC and the aspects of results from this type organization. He encouraged everyone to become a member of the association and urge someone else to do so.

Col. R. A. Jones, executive secretary of Lampasas C. of C., pointed out the interest shown by their members and the business men in furnishing a bus to take the club members to Fort Worth to see their lambs sold and visit the packing plant and other educational points of interest.

Tom Davis of Shirley Commission Company was in Lampasas to grade the lambs.

ANNIE ROSE BUYS THE LOCKLIN DELAINES

ANNIE ROSE Glasscock, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Glasscock, 15-year-old Sutton County 4-H Club girl, has bought all of Connie Mack Locklin's Delaine sheep. Locklin, who is now a student at Texas University, made quite a showing with his Delaine flock. The sale consisted of 45 ewes, two rams and a few lambs. Miss Glasscock has done very well in showing these Delaine sheep in which she takes much pride. Her rams were reserves at San Angelo and her ewes were champions. She had champion ram of all breeds at Kerrville this year and placed at the top or next to the top in every show she was in.

S. F. Lackey of Izoro, who formerly ranches near Brackettville, is still raising registered Rambouillet sheep. He was at the Brownwood sale, meeting with his many friends and commenting about the dry weather which, incidentally, changed drastically into flood-type weather a few days later. Mr. Lackey is very high upon the effectiveness of his goats in making money, declaring that they will out-perform sheep as much as sheep will out-perform cattle. Very few Rambouillet men have been in the business as long as Mr. Lackey.

Ranches in the Southwest increased in size from an average of 12 sections in 1940 to 16.6 in 1954.

Leroy Russell, San Angelo livestock buyer, purchased early in April 450 fat lambs from the Noelke Estate ranch at Rankin. The lambs, fall-shorn, weighed 104 pounds and the purchase price was 17 cents a pound.

Henry Davis and wife, San Angelo, recently purchased the Black Water Hole Ranch some 16 or 17 miles below Rocksprings on the Brackettville road in Edwards County from H. M. Phillips, San Angelo. The ranch, consisting of slightly more than 1900 acres, formerly belonged to E. E. Ellis. The price is reported to be slightly more than \$40 per acre. Mr. Davis is a wool buyer, representing M. T. Stevens and Sons Co., North Andover, Mass.

Montague Brothers of Bandera sold in early April 424 fat crossbred Rambouillet-Corriedale ewe lambs to Swift & Company for 17½ cents a pound, out of the wool. They weighed an estimated average of 90 pounds.

Speedy Hicks, Bandera, was reported early in April to have leased 1,350 acres from Joe Hensley. The acreage joins Hicks' ranch north of Bandera.

Joe B. Blakeney, San Angelo, sold 1,260 head of muttons out of wool to Fred Ball of Mid-West Feed Yards, San Angelo. They averaged 78½ pounds and sold at \$13 cwt.

FINE WOOL & CLIPPINGS

"WE'S in the iron and steel business down at Sanderson," declared the darky gal.

"What do you mean iron and steel business? Nothing like that at Sanderson," declared the judge.

"Yessah," asserted the Negro gal. "It's a doing ironing and Rastus doing de stealing."

THE COW

A cow, like a ship, has a stern and a bow.

And a tail in place of a rudder; You fill 'er at one end with hay from the mow

And you empty her at the udder.

THE BRIDE and groom drifted out to sea caught by an undertow that carried their boat beyond sight of land. The groom became frantic and began to pray:

"O Lord, if you will wash us back to shore," he prayed, "I'll quit smoking, gambling, drinking,—"

"Don't go too far Honey," shouted his bride. "I think I see a sail."

A MAN was shaving himself and accidentally dropped the razor as he cut off the tip of his nose and the razor fell and cut off the tip of his big toe. He had always heard that if flesh is put back together after a fresh cut, it will grow. But he placed the end of his nose on his big toe and

the end of his toe on the end of his nose. He said it grew back and everything was OK except when he sneezed, he snorted off his shoe.

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A BACHELOR is a man who plays the field without ever fielding the play.

A SHIP was torpedoed and several life boats were searching for survivors. A completely bald-headed sailor surfaced by the side of one of the boats, and an Irishman at the oars spotted him. He brought his oar down smack on the man's skull. "Sure 'tis no toime for fooling," said he. "Go down and come up straight."

THE advertising agency man's little daughter came home from Sunday school recently, with a church leaflet. Asked by her mother what it was, she said, "Oh, just an advertisement about heaven."

ANGELS are pedestrians who jumped too late.

BEING positive is often just being mistaken at the top of one's voice.

WHAT a wonderful world this would be if we all did as well today as we expect to do tomorrow.

THE custom of kissing children good-night is dying out. Parents nowadays can't wait up for them.

FROM school paper: "Last night our high school band played Beethoven. Beethoven lost."

"IN God we trust" is said to be put on pennies for the benefit of those who put them in electric fuse boxes.

IF you don't think cooperation is necessary, watch what happens to an automobile if one wheel comes off.

JILL: "What happened to that young man of yours with money to burn?" Joan: "He met his match."

AT the pound rate for which a woman's bathing suit sells—a man's overcoat would cost \$820,000.

WHILE working and dreaming of what money can buy, don't forget the little precious things money can't buy!

"TO err is human, but if the eraser wears out before the pencil, you're overdoing it a bit."

"THE woman next door has a hat just like the one I bought," the wife wailed.

"And I suppose you want me to buy you another one," replied her husband.

"Well, it would be cheaper than moving."

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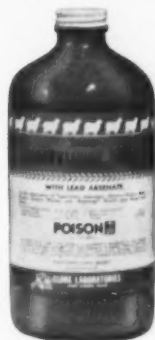
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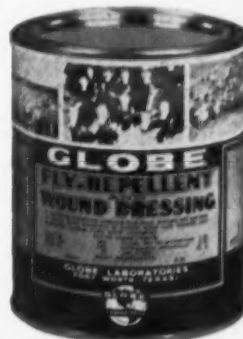


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FOXTAIL JOHNSON OBJECTS

THEM HARD, dusty spring winds sure took us by surprise. We knowed they was comin' but thought they'd be long a little later in the campane.

Two travelin' revivalists met up in Hardscrabble and last night they debated salvation at the Unreformed Church. The community couldn't be

more confused if two city men had been out here to explain parity.

Mrs. Bart Whepley says she finds TV right restful. It forces her to close her eyes and soon she drifts off to sleep.

My nephew, Gumboot, had his feelin's hurt bad when Josh Blicher offered him money to do a job of work. "That cappitalist is tryin' to ruin my amateur standin'," Gumboot says.

Even if everything the reds say about our country was true, it'd still be a better country than theirs.

The madder farmers get about prices, the lower prices they get paid on account of it's more bother and expense to do business with mad people. Anyway, that's how Quag Tofer had it explained to him down at the hay and grain company.

Clab Huckey, our genius that found out how to kill bindweed by buildin' a haystack on it, he has had another inspiration. He got rid of his alfalfa aphids by sellin' his pasture to a subdivider.

It don't never seem to me that the family with a self-made man in the house is a bit happier'n the one with a factory model.

Irregardless of who does the tradin', it's always me that gets the worst of it. Like last week when the wind traded Hod Frazzey's sand for most of my good topsoil.

Chamber of Commerce is gonna put on a big campane to advertise our community. First the directors was gonna hire a fancy liar from the city, but then they got a better idea. They're sendin' the seckatary to Texas for two weeks of speshul trainin'.

My niece, Deliria, got herself engaged four times this spring, and her name ain't been in one paper once. She's gonna try again after the Grace



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Kelly and Marg Truman excitement dies down, if ever.

Ringtail Skump got a lot of attention Sunday when he took off his shoes in church. Said later it wasn't that they hurt his feet, but he just wanted people to notice that he had got prosperous enough to wear shoes.

Whenever a cannidate promises to cut taxes, we just mark him off our list. A man that'll lie about one thing'll lie about everything.

All this strike news from the cities has got us plumb envious. Of course it would be a terrible bother to be tied up to a job, but it must be a lotta fun to strike on it.

Yeah, go ahead and do it yourself. Nobody else is gonna make a decent citizen out of you.

Peddler was here today tryin' to sell a chart that tells you when it's such and such time in Hardscrabble, what time it is anywhere in the world. He couldn't find nobody that even cares what time it is in Hardscrabble.

Sen. Windmill says his heart sure bleeds for the pore farmers goin' bankrupt. It might keep 'em tied up in court on election day.

We used to hang hoss thieves, but things is diffrent now. A feller that don't do nothin' worse to you than steal your hoss is a gentleman and a friend.

I pizened a family of kiotes down in the big thicket so's I could get some sleep, but it didn't do no good. My neighbors up the road keeps their radio and TV turned on all night.

In this Stalin business the Rooshans has give us another right sensible rule of life. If you're skeered to call a feller what he is, wait awhile and call him what he was.

Republicans seem to like Nixon all right, and he says he has done everything he can think of to make the Democrats like 'im. Maybe he ain't thought of layin' down on the tracks in front of a swift train.

An optimist is a feller that puts out two quart cans to catch the rain that runs off of one roof.

A pore man ain't got a chance. I could be in a nice office and in line for some fat bribes, only I ain't got the capital to bribe that many voters.

Mrs. Gabe Horsfall asked my Manzanita how much time it takes to do a real good job of waterin' a garden. Manzanita couldn't say. They ain't that much time nor that much water.

Us Hardscrabblers has pitched in to help our neighbor town of Beaver Slide take the penitenchary away from Huntsville. Beaver Slide ain't a tenth as big as Huntsville but it furnishes ten times as many customers for the pen.

Tain't likely I'll ever ride in one of them jet planes that shoots through the sky a thousand miles an hour. I been in places I wanted to leave that fast, but that was when I was younger.

A man that says he could do a better job of runnin' the world is a fool. A man that says he could do a worse job is plumb loco.

The longest years of a man's life is them between when he's too young to work and too old to work.

Come to think of it, I have got quite a few good friends. When I pass on they'll grieve almost as much as the life insurance company.

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The Farm Flock

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who has much to learn, perhaps the three to five-year-old ewes would be the best to start with. Chances are you will experience much less trouble lambing and they will cost you less money to start with.

Experienced sheepmen always take the time to "mouth" the ewes they are about to buy. Be sure you are getting nothing less than "solid mouthed" ewes for the "broken mouthed" and "gummers" have little usefulness ahead of them.

Good Fleeces Important

When you are selecting ewes, you should also keep in mind wool production as well as mutton conformation. Try to buy ewes with good, tight, compact, good quality fleeces that show a good length of staple. This type of ewe will shear more pounds of wool than the open, softer fleeced ewes and also will have better protection from the weather. Of course, if you buy ewes shortly after they are sheared, it is more difficult to tell much about the fleece. However, in buying ewes in short fleece, you have a splendid opportunity to select ewes with good body conformation.

When to Buy Ewes

There perhaps are a larger supply of ewes available during the summer months and prices are generally lower after the lamb crop has been sold. However, ewes and rams are bought and sold at nearly all seasons of the year in this territory and there seems to be no set or definite time to start a flock. For a man just wanting a few ewes, it might be to his advantage to buy bred ewes in the early fall. This would eliminate his carrying them through the hot summer months and his need for a ram the first year.

Bred ewes will undoubtedly cost you more money than open ewes and your investment may be somewhat larger. There are many angles to be figured in the sheep business and what might be good for one flock owner might not work out well for another. If your knowledge of sheep is limited, why not try to get some good sheep farmer to help you make your selections. There is something in knowing a bargain when you see one and it might help you to get started right in the sheep business.

The United States Air Force has made further exhaustive tests and has announced that it will continue to use only 100% wool for uniform overcoats. Blends and synthetics were reported to have been unsatisfactory.

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HILL COUNTRY CHAPTER MEETS AT HARPER

HARPER WAS the scene of the Annual Membership Meeting of the Hill Country Chapter of the Women's Auxiliary of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association on Saturday, April 7 at 2:30 P. M.

On the program was Miss Jan Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clint Brown, who presented two dance numbers. Mrs. E. S. Mayer, Sr., of Sonora, and president of the State Auxiliary, was guest speaker and her topic was "The History of Wool." She also gave some interesting particulars on the activities of "Miss Wool."

The president, Mrs. George A. Holekamp, presided over the business meeting.

Plans were made for a meeting to which the public is invited on June 7. It is to include a banquet at the Bluebonnet Hotel in Kerrville. Guest speaker will be Mr. Leland Austin of San Antonio, who will speak on the "Economic Situation of Wool." Members will sell tickets at \$1.50 per person.

Mrs. Victor Pressler
Reporter

Sometimes we think that all is lost—you can't get away from the gradual, inevitable strangulation of government. Pass a tax relief measure and thousands of accountants, clerks, inspectors and supervisors are hired to inspect, record, supervise and otherwise handle the "relief" work. Getting rid of a government function seems to be the more expensive.

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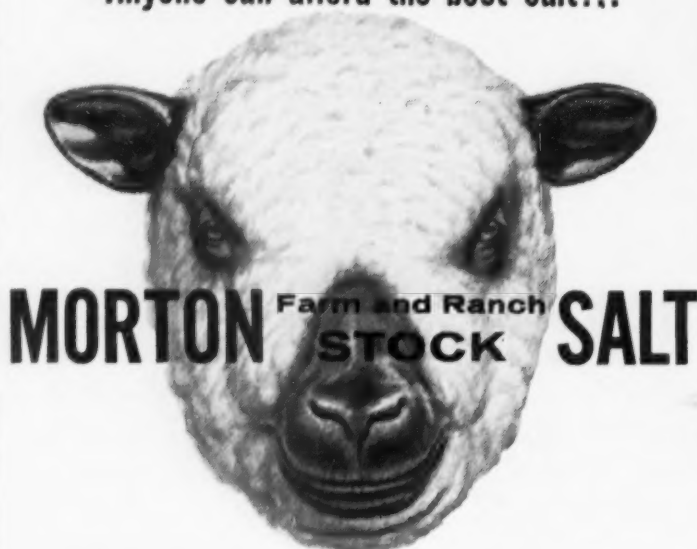
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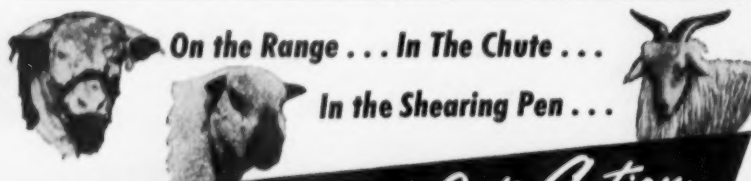


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Rose Plans Second Annual Sale of Rambouillets on May 19

1956 SHOW WINNINGS EXCEPTIONAL

PAT ROSE, JR., will hold his second annual Rambouillet ram sale under the liveoaks on his Toft ranch four miles south of Brackettville on May 19. Last year, his first sale held May 21 was described as "one of the best Rambouillet sales ever held." This was true not only because the bidding was active and the prices fair but because the sheep were of excellent quality, well prepared and in excellent condition.

This year, as last, the sale will start immediately after a ranch style barbecue at noon. Lemuel Jones, veteran sheep auctioneer, will be in charge again.

This year, Mr. Rose announces that there will be 300 head of yearling range rams, both horned and polled, ready for the buyer. They will be available for inspection throughout the morning of the day of the sale. In addition, there will be twelve top quality stud rams in fleece offered in the sale. These, too, will be available for inspection and the breeder declares that because of the exceptional quality

and outstanding record of many of the sheep that he is quite proud to offer these for sale. Mr. Rose stresses his guarantee that every ram sold is unconditionally guaranteed; that any dissatisfied buyer may receive full return of his money.

"I believe that the ranchmen will like these stud rams because I know they have had a lot of careful breeding behind them as well as noteworthy success in the show ring."

The same breeding which is being offered this year sold last year to a considerable number of eager buyers throughout the southwest. The average for the stud rams offered last year was \$175, ranging from slightly above \$100 to \$230 for the top. The range rams which sold in lots of five to fifteen brought prices ranging from \$40 to \$80 per head.

Mr. and Mrs. Rose and Pat III, hosts for the barbecue at noon, are eager to have their ranch friends to visit them for the barbecue at noon and to attend the sale in the afternoon.



FIRST FOR SALE

One of the outstanding rams of the 1956 Show Circuit was this blocky individual, "Spud," a champion of the Val Verde County Fair last October and the San Angelo Junior Rambouillet Show in March. Pat Rose III is holding the ram, which will be first sold in the Rose sale.

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SECOND FOR SALE

This ram was the champion in the Val Verde County Lamb Show. "Handlebars" was third in the San Angelo junior show, beaten only by two other Rose-bred rams. He will sell second in the forthcoming Rose sale.



UPSET IS NUMBER 3

Here is "Upset," champion of the junior division at San Antonio this year, being shown by R. J. and Joe Everett of Pandale and Ozona. Pat, the breeder, is also shown. He was reserve champion at San Angelo and first place ram lamb at Ozona 4-H Show this year. This ram will be the third stud sold in the Rose sale.

EFFECTIVE DOG LAW IS NEEDED

ONE OF the objectives of the newly organized North Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association is to protect their membership from the inroads of

coyotes and depredating dogs. "We'll do what we can to help ourselves but the state association (The Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers' Association) should take up and go on where we can't."

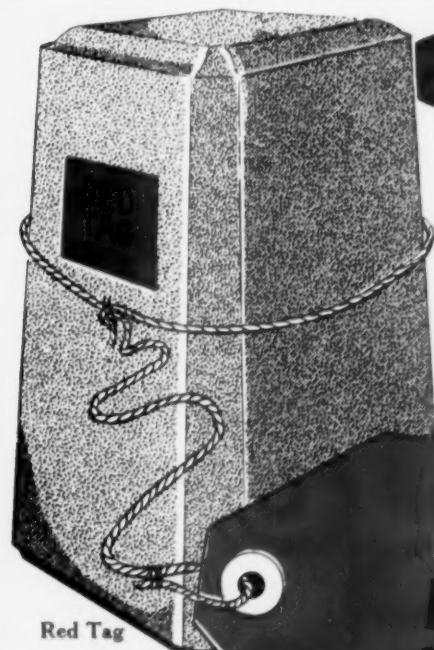
Association director John Classen of San Antonio has done some effective

work on the dog proposition and none of his past work should be wasted nor should the North Texas, East, West or Central Texas sheepmen be denied active assistance and protection from a workable dog law if it is possible to secure one from the legislature.

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Purebred Sheep Raisers of Texas Meet in Brownwood

MEMBERS of the Purebred Sheep Breeders Association of Texas met in Brownwood April 27 to enjoy a good banquet, a good sale and get-together. The banquet was held in the Brownwood Hotel and for the first time in several meetings the sheepmen ate lamb chops—and good ones, too.

Chairman of the meeting was President, Mrs. Ammie E. Wilson of Plano. Dr. Tom Watkins, Animal Husbandry Department, Texas A. & M. College, spoke on the work of developing better quality sheep through registry of merit and ram progeny tests. In the business meeting the growers voted to favor classification type shows and that will be the order of future sales of the Association, according to the present feelings.

Porky Bridges, Bronte, declared that he was in favor of requiring all consignors to be members of the organization and the members so voted.

It was voted that all shows, especially that of the State Fair, be petitioned to see that all sheep breeds be included for a Junior show if such Junior show is held.

No decision was made as to whether or not Brownwood would be the site of the next sale but apparently Brownwood will be selected in the fall when the decision is made.

The Purebred Association members voted to thank San Antonio citizens for providing the excellent sheep facilities now available on the show grounds at San Antonio.

Suffolks Top Purebred Sale

SUFFOLKS TOOK the lead in the ninth annual sale of the Purebred Sheep Breeders Association of Texas held in Brownwood, April 28. The top selling ram was bred by Glenn and Roger Sanders of Mullin and it was sold to Sol Mayer of Sutton County for \$335.

The sale saw a total of 181 head of sheep go through the ring for \$12,470—an average of \$68.90 per head. This, according to J. B. Heath of Argyle, Secretary of the association, was the best record in the association history. A Harrison Davis Suffolk sold to Tippy Beaver of Talpa for \$170. Eleven Suffolk rams averaged \$165; five Suffolk ewes averaged \$113.

Going through the sale ring were 59 Rambouillet rams for an average of \$75.89. Walter Carruthers of Carta Valley sold top Rambouillet ram to Jim Wortham of Odessa for \$310. Ed Ratliff of Bronte sold a ram at \$275 to T. Knox Campbell, Talpa.

A Delaine ram offered by Dave Watters of Goldthwaite brought \$200

from Harold Bragg of Talpa.

Chairman of the sales committee was W. H. (Bill) Strickland. He was assisted in a number of the arrangements by Louis Tongate, Brooksmith; Hamilton Choat, Olney; Findley Brewster, Temple, and officials of the Brownwood Chamber of Commerce.

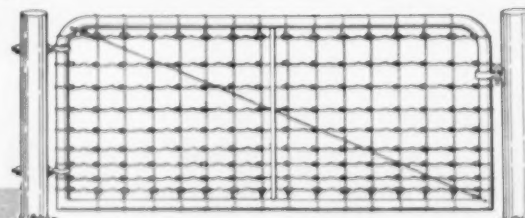
In the Hampshire breed, 14 ewes averaged \$63.22, a total of \$885. Sixteen rams averaged \$55.63, a total of \$890. Southdowns: 6 ewes averaged \$58.75, a total of \$352.50; 7 rams averaged \$50.36, a total of \$352.50. Rambouillets: 22 ewes averaged \$45.91, a total of \$1,010; 59 rams averaged \$75.89, a total of \$4,477.50. Columbias: 5 ewes, averaged \$40, a total of \$200; 5 rams, average \$66, total \$330. Corriedales: 2 ewes, average \$52.50, total \$105; 5 rams, average \$59, total \$295. Delaine - Merino: 4 ewes, average \$35.63, total \$142.50; 15 rams, average \$59.17, total \$887.50. Shropshires: 1 ram, \$40. Montadale: 4 rams, average \$36.88, total \$147.50.

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Morton recommends that the new Phenothiazine in T-M Salt be fed "Free Choice." A badly infested animal should be given a drench of Phenothiazine and then put on continuous, low level treatment by feeding Phenothiazine in T-M Salt regularly.

Nearly every animal, according to livestock men, has stomach worms, nodular worms, hook worms, large-mouthed bowel worms, bankrupt worms, round worms or other common internal parasites, and unless an animal is badly infected the presence of these parasites can't be detected by examining the external appearance of the animal.

Worms literally eat up many dollars in profits each year on the average farm. They rarely kill an animal, but they can keep it from gaining at a normal, profitable rate. The United States Department of Agriculture scientists have estimated the annual loss caused by worms among livestock to be \$400,000,000.

RABIES SCARE

JOE LeMAY of Goldthwaite, who raises registered Delaine sheep and top quality sheep dogs, reports that he has not had very many sheep or dogs to sell recently. His last sale was of nine registered ewes to David Landua of Hamilton County. However, his most exciting moments have come in recent days and he declares that it may result in his doing a great deal of biting around the country. It seems that he learned he had been handling a lamb infected with hydrophobia and has therefore been taking shots as a preventative. Apparently the area around about is subject to rabid foxes, one of which recently bit a town dog. Both the fox and dog were later killed. Mr. LeMay warns that a person cannot be too careful with this and that the country needs to eradicate the surplus varmints and to get a workable dog law.

Joe Allcorn, Talpa, who has made quite a reputation as a Delaine exhibitor, is going to Howard Payne College. He will finish in August and probably enter the mortuary business. His brother, Foy Allcorn, has purchased Joe's sheep.

The Dope Sheet

ANIMAL HEALTH AND MINERALS

Rutiness in livestock may be directly the results of a mineral deficiency in the soil, according to some scientists. For instance, cobalt deficiency causes a dwarfed condition in ruminants in certain areas in the east. Mineral poisoning in western cattle has been found to be the cause of some physical deformities.

FACTS AND FIGURES

Young farmers and ranchmen are learning in these days of high taxes that keeping a good set of books is a good investment. Not only are the facts and figures important in settling income taxes but enable the operator to know and better analyze weaknesses of production and marketing and the figures are becoming more important yearly.

DROUTH FEED DEALERS INVESTIGATION

That the feed dealers handling drouth emergency feed are disturbed by the current activity of auditors of the government is putting it mildly. Growers will be disturbed mightily, too, when and if the dealers start billing them for that dollar relief subsidy which may not stick.

Sol Mayer and Ernestine Mayer Trust recently bought 2,000 Rambouillet yearling ewes from Alfred

Schweining of Sonora. The ewes were from several Sutton County ranches and the price was \$15 per head out of the wool, May 15 delivery. The Trust also bought 600 yearling mutton goats with tops on their back from Bill Fields and Mac Cauthorn of Sutton County at \$8 a head and 131 shorn mutton goats at \$7.50. This purchase was in late April.

BREEDER EXTOLS MERITS OF PUREBRED SHEEP

T. J. OEHLER of Harper writes the magazine that crossbreeding sheep has many advantages but that breeding pure stock is most profitable.

"Purebred breeders have many advantages over cross-breeders. First, by choosing a breed adapted to climate and market, they can produce wool and mutton of uniform quality. Second, they can select rams with proven heredity traits for flock improvement. (Crossbreeders know purebred rams are better—by using them they retain a part of their quality). Third, purebred breeders need not depend upon cull ewes for breeders—they can raise top quality ewes. Fourth, fine wool cannot be produced by crossbreeding with coarse-wooled or black-face breeds. Crossbreeders have 'passed' this off-wool for fine in many sales. Therefore, the fine wool trade has suffered a loss in price of late. Last, top quality fine wool and mutton can be produced in purebred Rambouillets."

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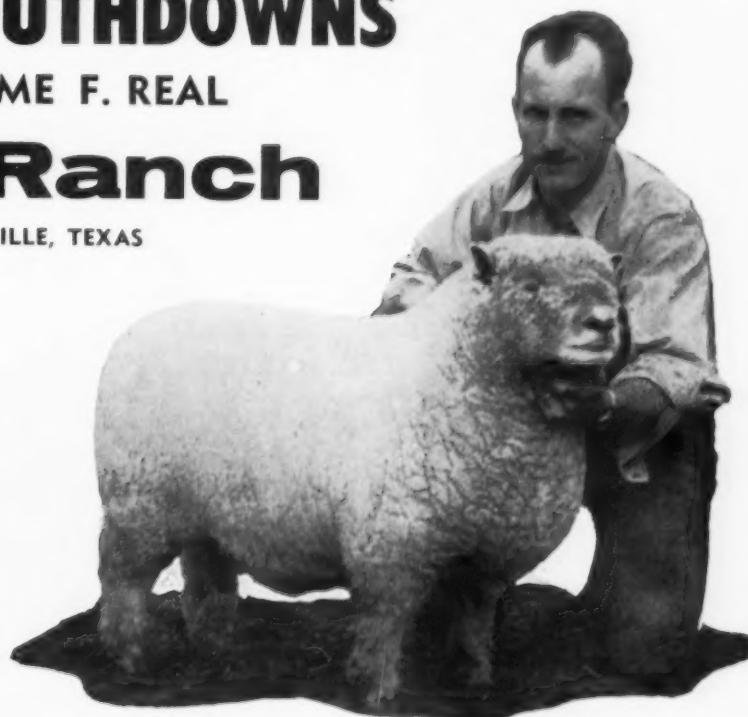
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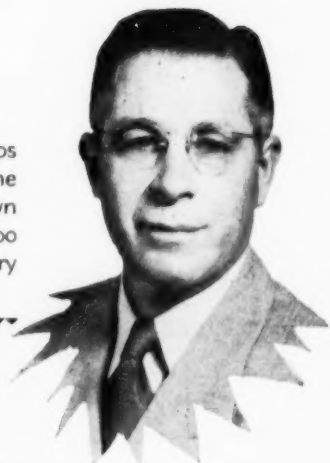
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By MRS. RUSSELL G. HARLOW

NEWEST MEMBERS of the American Rambouillet Sheep Breeders Association are Gene Pruitt of Hamilton, Texas, and Milroy Powell, Center Point, Texas. Mr. Powell is the son of Association member, Guy Powell, Kerr County Agent.

Mrs. Ilo V. Irwin, Beuna Vista, Colorado, has purchased 11 ram lambs, 10 yearling rams, 11 ewe lambs, 6 yearling ewes, and 17 two- and three-year-old ewes, all registered, from Byrla L. Carson, Torrington, Wyoming. Miss Carson also has sold a registered ewe lamb to M. & L. Lippincott, Lyman, Nebraska.

W. W. Wendland, Hamilton, Texas, has sold 20 registered yearling ewes to Charlie Raibourn, also of Hamilton.

Premiums amounting to \$5,029 will be awarded for six breeds of sheep at the Texas State Fair Pan-American Livestock Exposition, October 6-21, at Dallas. In addition, a \$550 special herdsman award will be offered. Junior lamb show premiums amount to \$1,985, and there will be a \$400 junior herdsman award. The 1956

State Fair premium list will be available early this month.

David Craig and Barbara Durham, Sterling City, Texas, have purchased a stud ram from Mike Tatum of Rocksprings, Texas. All three youngsters are junior breeders who have chosen registered Rambouillets for a club project. All are members of the American Rambouillet Sheep Breeders Association.

Wallace Hendricks, Dublin, Texas, has sold 13 registered ewes and a stud ram to Gene Pruitt, new member from Hamilton, Texas, and 20 registered ewe lambs to A. N. Boyd, Gustine, Texas. Mr. Hendricks reports that the shearing and wool preparation program conducted by James A. Gray in April at Hamilton was well attended, and that there is considerable interest in good Rambouillets in his area. "Otherwise, everything is haywire. Still feeding, and it won't rain anything but dust from out your way. If it is going to stay winter, why doesn't it snow!"

Miles Pierce, Alpine, Texas, reports that his ram recently purchased by J. W. Carruthers & Sons (Pinky and Walter), Sanderson, Texas, was the highest-priced ram sold in the Southwest since 1951. Other recent sales included a ram to T. A. Kincaid, Jr., Ozona, Texas, at \$500.00; and a ram for \$350.00 and a ewe for \$150.00 to Antonio Garfias of Mexico. All three rams were from Pierce's King Altuda line.

Louis Tongate & Sons, Brooksmith, Texas, have sold 10 registered aged ewes to Association member Wade Thomason of Brownwood, Texas.

Work is progressing on the new Association breed booklet, to be published in the near future. Letters concerning the new booklet have been mailed to all members. You are urged to give your careful consideration to this letter. It is important that members help in every way possible in the booklet's publication. Also, all members are urged to make sure the Association office has your correct mailing address for inclusion in the booklet.

Pat Rose, Jr., Del Rio, Texas, has sold 20 registered yearling ewes to Conoly Brothers, Brackettville, Texas.

Rules and entry applications for the 20th annual Registered Rambouillet Ram Show and Sale, sponsored by the American Rambouillet Sheep Breeders Association have been mailed to previous consignors. Any member who has not previously consigned rams to this sale may obtain rules and entry blanks by writing to the Association office, 2709 Sherwood Way, San Angelo, Texas. Entry deadline is May 25. Sale dates are June 14, 15 and 16, at the San Angelo Fairgrounds.

V. I. Pierce, Ozona, Texas, has sold 21 registered yearling ewes and two stud rams to Ernesto Berdee, Torreon, Mexico.

George Schumann, of Clearmont, Wyoming, has sold eight registered yearling ewes to Pete Pitsch of Garryowen, Montana.

Circle S Ranch, Hamilton, Texas, owned by E. B. Stiles, has sold two registered rams to Dick Bailey of Blanket, Texas. Mr. Stiles reports

he's sold all but five of his rams this season. Says they still need rain. The first part of April, they had four-tenths of an inch of rain and two inches of dust.

E. C. Johle, Clifton, Texas, has sold two registered ram lambs, and three registered ewe lambs to Gordon E. Arnold, also of Clifton, and a registered ewe lamb each to Keith D. Williamson and Michael D. Williamson, both of Meridian, Texas.

Breeders are reminded that applications for registry of lambs dropped in November, 1954, should reach the Association office no later than May 31, 1956, in order to avoid double registration charges. Applications for December, 1954, lambs should reach the office no later than June 30, 1956.

Attention is called to the following from the Rules for Registry of the American Rambouillet Sheep Breeders Association: "For recording purposes, the breeder of a lamb is the person who, according to Association records, owned the dam of the lamb when she was bred." This makes the correct transfer date on certificates very important. The date on a transfer should be the date the sheep was received by the new owner.

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AVOCADO--ALLIGATOR PEAR

By JEWELL CASEY

A MEMBER of the Laurel family, the Avocado, (*Persea americana*) Alligator Pear, or Midshipman's Butter Tree as it is variously known, has approximately the same range as citrus fruits, where it is cultivated extensively for its highly esteemed fruit. Well-shaped and graceful, it is an ornamental, as well as a useful tree. In colder areas, it is a popular house plant, easily grown by setting the large seed in water until it roots.

Very rich in fruit oil, the fruit varies in form from almost spherical to pear-shaped, and varies in color from light green to purple, brown and red. Not too well known until comparatively recently, avocados are now found in all of the better food markets, and a very popular item.

The dark green-skinned "alligator pear" with greenish-yellow flesh of buttery texture and nutty flavor has as many uses as a food as does the orange.

Although usually thought of as a salad material, there are varied ways in which to serve this fruit, rich in protein, vitamins and minerals. In salad it combines equally well with fruits, vegetables, seafood or cheese, but is very tasty served in the natural form with a sprinkling of lime or lemon juice and salt.

Native of Central America, the oily-fleshed avocado's fruit is so invigorating and sustaining it is alleged that revolutionists in southern republics delay their fighting until the fruit is ripe and ready to eat on the trees!

Here are some tasty avocado recipes:

Heap diced avocado in sherbet glasses, salt lightly and cover with tomato catsup seasoned with lime juice, chill and serve.

Combine equal amounts of cooked string beans and slices of avocado and season with French dressing and onion juice.

Press ripe avocado through sieve, mix with mayonnaise and prepared mustard and fill firm, ripe, peeled to-

matos that have been partly scooped out.

Dice avocado and mix with cubed pineapple and serve with French dressing.

For a quickie salad, combine sliced avocado, cucumber, tomato, onion, chili or sweet pepper and serve with French dressing.

Dice avocado, onion, celery, cucumber and tomato, add one-half cup shrimp, crabmeat, lobster, or salmon or tuna, then add one-half teaspoon salt, two tablespoons lime or lemon juice, one tablespoon chili sauce or catsup, one teaspoon prepared mustard, one-half cup of mayonnaise, mix well, then chill for an hour and serve on lettuce, endive or cress, garnish with hard-boiled eggs.

Avocado soup is made by combining one large, ripe fruit, pureed, with ¼ teaspoon salt and one tablespoon cream. Mix into three cups of beef or chicken broth and heat over a slow fire, but do not bring to boiling point. Top with whipped cream and serve hot.

Avocado Ice Cream—Combine 2 cups milk, ¼ cup sugar, ½ teaspoon salt, and scald. Add 1 tablespoon unflavored gelatine and pour slowly over 2 well beaten eggs. Add 1 cup heavy cream, 1 teaspoon lemon or lime juice, cool, add a cup of sieved avocado and blend thoroughly. Freeze in ice tray. Green coloring may be added if desired.

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VETERINARY QUESTIONS

Answered by
DR. DONALD A. PRICE, San Angelo



Bluetongue Vaccination

DO YOU think we should vaccinate against bluetongue? Our ewes lambed in March and only a few of them had bluetongue last year. — Anonymous, San Angelo, Texas.

The best advice would be to vaccinate the ewe flock as early as practicable — at shearing time, for instance. By vaccinating early in the season, while it is still relatively cool, you will see very few or no unfavorable vaccination reactions and the ewes will have a good immunity well ahead of the expected bluetongue season. Vaccination of suckling lambs poses a different problem. An indeterminate number of the lambs in your area will have acquired a temporary immunity from their dams and this would interfere with effective vaccination. It will be best to wait until about two weeks after weaning to vaccinate the lambs.

Rabies

Hats off to the progressive and public-spirited people of Iraan, Ozona, and Eldorado, Texas. When positive findings of rabies were made on several fox specimens from their area, rabies vaccination programs were instituted in accordance with suggestions carried in this column several months ago. A licensed veterinarian was asked to spend a day in each town, vaccinating dogs with the new chick-embryo vaccine. Dogs at Iraan will henceforth be impounded and destroyed if they are found without vaccination tags.

This sort of attack on the rabies problem can expect success provided that stray dogs are controlled at the same time. Although the infected foxes are difficult to control, rabies is essentially a disease of dogs, and wherever a majority of the dogs have been vaccinated, rabies outbreaks have been controlled.

The questions most frequently asked during the vaccination proceedings pertained to the duration of immunity. Although research studies have shown that the new chick-embryo vaccine protected against rabies inoculation more than three years, we should adhere to annual vaccinations until these results have been proven repeatedly under actual field conditions. Unfortunately, laboratory tests do not always stand the test of actual practice.

Another frequent question pertained to the vaccination of cats. City rabies ordinances do not often mention cats because this species doesn't pose the same public health hazard as dogs. This is due to the fact that cats infected with rabies most often sicken and die from the "dumb" form of the disease and therefore do not often bite other animals. Cats can be vaccinated, of course, even with the new type vaccine, and this should be encouraged.

This discussion of rabies brings to mind an interesting case in Georgia. A wandering dog invaded the premises where a bitch had just whelped a single pup and fought with her. Neither the pup nor the mother sustained any visible wounds. The attacking dog was shot the next morning but got away. Eighteen days later

the puppy exhibited suspicious symptoms and in two more days had died of rabies as confirmed by microscopic examination. This report of rabies in a puppy illustrates the need for caution in handling dogs or varmints in a rabies-infected area.

Not long ago we were asked to prepare a specimen for shipment to the state laboratory. The specimen was a cat that had been shot in the head at close range with a shotgun. Since the laboratory diagnosis depends upon examination of the brain, reliable work could not be expected in this instance.

Another precaution to keep in mind when dealing with an animal suspected of being infected with rabies is to wear gloves when handling it or when removing its head for shipment to the state laboratory. The saliva of a rabid animal may contain large amounts of the rabies virus and it would be extremely foolish to allow this to contact your skin.

Destructive Cats

I have always contended that a cat's place is in the barn or under the house. The children were given a Siamese kitten, though, and we developed a house cat before we fully realized the consequences. She is so affectionate and entertaining that we would like to continue letting her have the run of the house, but lately she has damaged the furniture so much by scratching that something must be done. Can cats be taught not to do this? — Mrs. M. R., Kerrville, Texas.

All cats instinctively scratch and claw, probably a throw-back to the need for keeping their weapons in shape to hunt, and Siamese are especially well armed. A few can be trained not to do this if you keep a close watch on them when they first start in and spank them with a folded piece of newspaper when you catch them in the act. Many don't realize what you're trying to accomplish, however, and you merely ruin an engaging personality. Some of our most satisfied clients are those for whom we have permanently removed the front claws on cats. These cats are still able to climb trees and catch small animals or birds, but are no longer able to claw the parlor furniture to shreds. The operation must be accomplished under surgical anesthesia by someone who understands the anatomy of the structures involved, so we suggest that you discuss the matter with your veterinarian.

Possible Aid in Selection Of Breeding Sheep

Workers at Michigan State University believe that radio-active trace elements could be used to help select

lambs for breeding stock. Tests show that lambs which secrete the most thyroxine will grow fastest, produce the most milk, and have the best breeding behaviour. The radio-active tracers can be used to measure thyroid secretion rate of lambs.

Flies

A number of Great Plains cattlemen report that phenothiazine, fed to cattle as a worm killer, also helps to control horn flies. (These flies lay their eggs in cattle droppings.) If the report is true, then sufficient phenothiazine must pass through treated cattle to kill the larvae as they hatch.

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Pairs of good ewes and lambs have brought various prices throughout West Texas. Sorrier pairs have been

bringing from \$10 to \$14, while better pairs have been bringing up to \$20, with most ranging around \$16. Older ewes have been selling slowly at around \$7 to \$10 per head; young ewes around 16 cents per pound.

It is estimated that some 20,000 or more Texas ewes have been bought by Mexican buyers within the last few months. Reports are that a sizable number of good rams have gone along with these ewes at prices ranging to \$100 per head. It is not known how many sheep the Mexicans will buy but with the Mexican government backing the project, the number may be to 50,000 head, involving several million dollars. Quite a few West Texas sheepmen are involved in deals with Mexican ranchmen at this time.



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Harvey Martin, San Angelo, is reported to have purchased somewhere over 1,000 head of commercial sheep from San Pedro Ranch, Inc., Ft. Stockton, managed by Leonard Simon of Carlsbad, New Mexico. In addition, some 175 cows and calves went to Martin. Martin runs a commercial feed lot and livestock dealership in San Angelo.

Clyde Glimp, Lometa, marketed 676 lambs which he had been fattening out. These were Rambouillet lambs which were said to average 103 3/5 pounds. They were sheared March 10 for an average of 8.48 pounds of wool; were delivered April 12 to Swift & Company buyers at San Saba and brought \$16.75 cwt. The sheep were self-fed ground maize on dry pasture. Clyde declared that the sheep ate too much but he broke even.

Veterinary

(Continued from page 47)

flies, cattle grubs, and internal parasites. We hope all these claims are true, but will insist on examining the cold print of research and field trials before making recommendations to our readers. It would come as no great surprise to this writer if someone were to advertise a powder supplement to replace water, produce tender flesh, and at the same time assure ninety percent of parity.

DON'T MIX WOOL AND MOHAIR

RANCHMEN who shear both sheep and Angora goats are cautioned to avoid the mixture of wool and mohair. Ivan Watson, extension animal husbandman at New Mexico A.&M. College, writes that some wool buyers have refused to bid on clips which contained a mixture of mohair. Other buyers have offered lower prices for such clips.

Mixing is most apt to occur on the shearing floor when goats are sheared before sheep. When a rancher is shearing both Angora goats and sheep, it is best to shear the sheep first. Mixing is also apt to occur when sheep are pastured or closely corralled with goats, especially immediately before shearing. The goats and sheep should be separated a short time before shearing so that the mohair which has collected on the wool will have ample time to brush off, according to Watson.

Bags which have been used for mohair should not be re-used for bagging wool, Watson adds.

Manufacturers strenuously object to a mixture of mohair and wool, thus the buyers keep a sharp lookout for such clips.

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Texas Delaine News

By MRS. G. A. GLIMP

MOTHER NATURE is still eluding dry central Texas with rains that could mean the difference in maintaining the already reduced sheep flocks to an even small amount. The past few years have been most harrowing to the rancher, as there have been many other things to cope with besides the weather.

Most of the breeders have been very pleased with lamb crops. Twin lambs seemed to be very abundant this year, and Joe LeMay reports a set of triplets. This is not too unusual in some of the other breeds, but it is not too prevalent in Delaines. Lambs are doing well, but they are at a stage now to where rains are very essential to help them grow off.

Bobby and Wayne Wilcox of Goldthwaite have decided to increase their flock of Delaines by purchasing 32 ewes from David Watters. Bobby showed some nice Delaine lambs on the show circuits this year, and we feel sure he will be most successful as a breeder, and welcome Bobby and Wayne as members of our association.

Anna Rose Glasscock of Sonora ventured into the show rings this year with some nice Delaines purchased from Connie Locklin. This proved to be a most successful project for her, so she has now purchased the entire Connie Locklin flock. It has been proved that girls are very hard to beat in feeding and fitting choice animals for showing, so we feel quite sure Anna Rose will be a very successful breeder, too. We are happy to have her on our membership roll.

This is the time of year to be thinking of culling flocks and improving your breeding program by purchasing better rams. Some choice rams are available now but might not be if you wait until the last minute to dash out and buy one. A good ram,

if selected properly, can add pounds to your wool clip and better lambs to market.

There have been a number of inquiries about the Delaine sale that has been held for five years in Coleman. We are planning to have the sale again, but it will probably be the latter part of August instead of June as has been the custom. A number of commercial breeders indicated this suited them better, so this has been the main reason for the change in date. More information on this sale will be given in a later issue.

The Southwest Delaine Breeders Association held its first classified sale in Hamilton April 25th. This is a new organization whose purpose is to place more good rams with the flocks. The extreme weather conditions hampered the buyers and breeders from attending and purchasing the choice rams that were offered. These breeders attended and had stud rams as classified by Joe LeMay, Mr. Dooley, and Owen Bragg: David Watters, Chester Berry, Lynn Kirby, Paul Gromatzky, and Hudson Glimp. David Watters sold his stud to Cecil Mercer of Carlton for \$150. This was a very nice ram and was the top ram of the sale.

A reminder to the Junior breeders. The Dallas Fair premium list has gone to press and is most enticing this year. The first place is \$18; second, \$16, and on down the line. This should be an inducement to the boys and girls to show this year. Of course, the additional association money helps defray the cost of feeding and fitting. Don't wait too long to get your lambs.

Carl Pfluger, Concho County ranchman, recently sold 500 pairs of two-year-old ewes and lambs for May 10 delivery to out-of-state buyer at \$17 per pair.



WITTING WAREHOUSE OPENS

Gus Witting, Junction, has recently opened the Witting Wool and Mohair Company for business. In addition to handling wool and mohair, the firm plans to sell a wide variety of ranch feeds and supplies. In the picture are shown Manager Luke Hagood, Winston Murr, Dan Coney and Charley Bishop. Mr. Witting, not in the picture, was in San Antonio attending the birth of his daughter.

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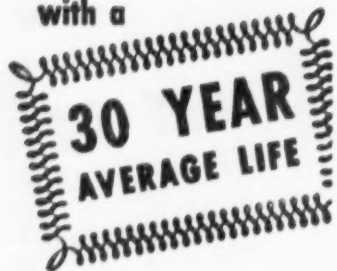
GEORGE STEWARDSON, SR.

GEORGE STEWARDSON, Sr., 91, of Santa Anna, died at Coleman April 18, after an extended illness. Born in Shelbyville, Illinois, in 1864, Mr. Stewardson came to Coleman County in 1879. He was a retired stock farmer.

Surviving are his wife; two sons, John Stewardson and George Stewardson, Jr.; a daughter, Mrs. D. P. Wheatley, all of Santa Anna; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

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S. S. (SI) BOYER

S. S. (SI) BOYER, 61, of Bedford, Texas, died in a Fort Worth hospital April 1, after an extended illness.

Mr. Boyer was at one time associated with the Boswell-Kahn Company and later with John Clay and Company, Fort Worth. He had also operated independently as a dealer and order buyer.

Surviving are his wife; two daughters, Mrs. L. G. Montgomery of Bedford and Mrs. Frank Jennings of Graham; four brothers, Sidney Boyer of Bedford and Bob, John and Fred Boyer of Fort Worth; also five grandchildren.

J. H. TIPPETT

JAMES H. TIPPETT, 82, pioneer West Texas ranchman, was buried in San Angelo April 12, following his death in a hospital in Fort Stockton. He had been ill several months.

He had extensive ranch land and oil properties in Pecos and Crockett Counties.

Surviving are four daughters, Mrs. Robert P. Amacker and Mrs. Jax M. Cowden, Jr., San Angelo; Mrs. Jack Mann, Austin, and Mrs. George B. Sanders, Dallas; also a brother, Victor P. Tippett of San Angelo.

HARRY TWEEDLE

HARRY TWEEDLE, 72, retired Sterling County ranchman, died in the Shannon Hospital of San Angelo, March 31, after suffering a heart attack.

Mr. Tweedle was born in Brown County in 1883 and moved with his parents to Sterling County when a small boy. He ranched in Sterling, Glasscock and Coke Counties for many years.

He was elected sheriff of Sterling County in 1908.

Surviving are his wife; two sons, Harry Tweedle, Jr., and Jack Tweedle of San Angelo; three daughters, Mrs. Roy V. Hibbard, San Angelo; Mrs. Fred M. Nibling, Bryan; Mrs. Warren C. Albert who was with her husband, Capt. Albert in Japan at the time of Mr. Tweedle's death; six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

IVY BROWN STEWART

IVY BROWN STEWART, 59, retired Kimble County ranchman, died of a gunshot wound April 16, said to be self-inflicted. Mr. Stewart had been ill several months. Born in Comanche County in 1896, he moved with his parents to Kimble County when a small boy and had lived in that vicinity most of his life.

Surviving are three brothers, S. A. Stewart and M. A. Stewart of Junction and H. M. Stewart, Del Rio.

A. J. ROACH

AMBROSE J. Roach, 85, pioneer Schleicher County ranchman, died at his home at Eldorado, Texas, April 13, 1956. Mr. Roach was born in Ireland in 1871 and came to the states with his family in 1881. In 1903 he married Miss Mattie Cloud in Gatesville and the couple moved to Schleicher County. He and his brother, John S. Roach, ranched under the name of Roach Brothers Ranch for many years. Mr. Roach also operated a feed and general merchandise store in Eldorado a number of years.

Surviving are his wife; two sons, J. T. Roach and E. B. Roach of Eldorado; a daughter, Mrs. T. J. Bailey, Ozona; a brother, John S. Roach, Abilene, and six grandchildren.

FREDERICKSBURG STORE SELLS

EMIL AND Eric Juenke have purchased the interest of Victor Schoenewolf in the Fredericksburg firm of Juenke and Schoenewolf. The firm was established in 1912 by Emil Juenke and the late Max Schoenewolf. Eric Juenke became a partner in the firm in 1924, and V. H. Schoenewolf associated himself with the firm at the death of his father, Max Schoenewolf, in 1935. One of the pioneer firms to handle wool and mohair in Fredericksburg, Juenke and Schoenewolf discontinued dealing in wool and mohair in 1955. The name of the firm has been changed to the Juenke Store.

EMPHASIS ON WOOL

THE COLUMBIA Sheep Breeders Association, Alma Esplin, Secretary, Logan, Utah, writes as follows:

Wool is not a by-product or even a secondary product of the sheep industry. Three hundred and fifty million pounds of wool is significant in the textile industry. It supplies from 50 to 75 percent of the apparel wool used in the United States.

Seven hundred twenty million pounds of meat is only 4.5 pounds per capita and less than three percent of the meat consumed in the United States.

An increase in numbers of sheep, up to 50 million, would provide most of the apparel wool now used and would provide a safe supply for emergencies.

Wool production should be increased for peace time needs as well as for emergencies. Why not put emphasis on wool — which justifies a sheep industry?

That's the way Texas sheepmen look at it, Mr. Esplin. I believe they, too, want emphasis on wool.

RANGE MANAGEMENT NEWS

DR. FRANCIS CHURCHILL and a group of Abilene Christian College Agriculture students recently observed results of pitting and seeding work on the Edwards Plateau SCD Trial area, and results of grazing studies on the Sonora Experiment Station.

Dr. Gerald Thomas and 21 Texas A. & M. students in Range Management, making a study of range conditions in West Texas, recently observed results of grazing trials at the Sonora and Barnhart Experiment Stations. The group also observed the results of pitting and seeding work on the Edwards Plateau SCD Trial Area.

A three-day tour and detailed study of Land Capability and Range Sites has just been completed for the Edwards Plateau area. The study was a cooperative survey made by the Soil Conservation Service, The Texas Agricultural Experiment Station and the Extension Service. Resulting recommendations will be made available following the Conservation Workshop held at Texas A. & M. College in July.

V. M. Harris, head of the University of Corpus Christi Agriculture Department, sends an interesting clipping telling a good story about converting brush land to grass. Forty acres of heavy mesquite brush was bulldozed from the University's farm last November and oats were planted. Fifteen dairy cows were used to graze the lush growth of oats, and the area has now been planted to buffelgrass and blue panic. Records will be kept on the trial and information gained will be passed on to farmers and stockmen in the area.

E. B. KING,
Secretary, Texas Sec.
American Society of Range
Management

George (Buzzy) Parker of Harper, recently traded his registered Rambouillet stud ewes to Theo Oehler of Harper for yearling nannies and mutton goats.

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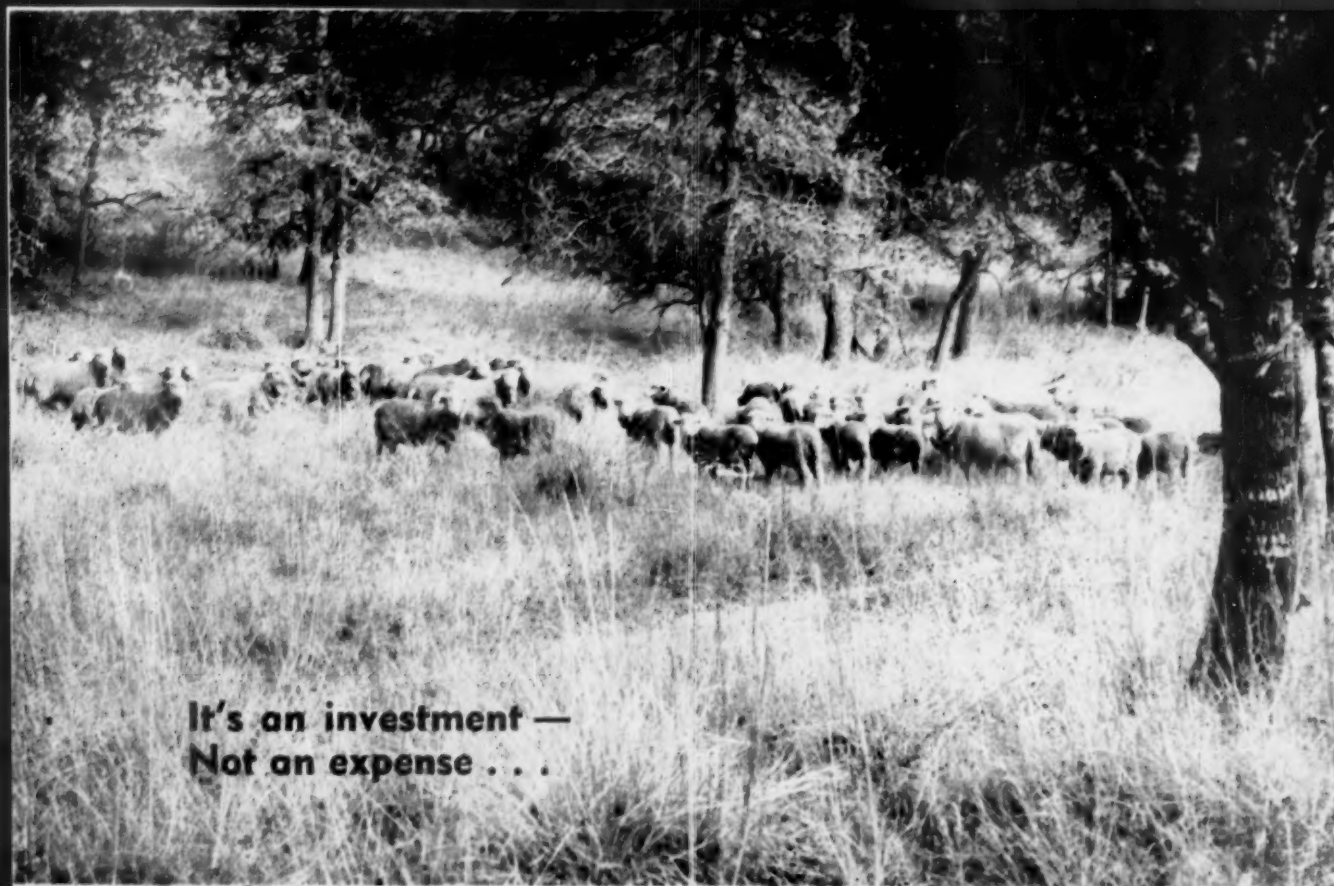
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